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A quantity of charcoal and the shed in which it is stacked.

In the Shed at Darookhana, Mazagon, opposite the Emperor.

Edward Mill at 3 p. m

A quantity of charcoals firewood and rafters and the shed in which they are stacked.

In the shop in the chawl near Sankli Tank, Byculla, at 4 p.m,

A quantity of charcoal and firewood.

A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

On SUNDAY the 22nd inst. at 2 p.m. Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by public Auction at No. 167 Dadur Road next to the Police Station in Mr. Jasawala's bungalow, the valuable and handsome teakwood and black wood household furniture, such as mirrored side board and dumbwaiter, chairs, drawing room suit of sofas and chairs lined silk tapestry cabinets, Corner cabinets, marble top tables and teapoys, bedsteads, single and double almirahs chest of drawers, marble topped dressing and washhand, tables, glassware, crockery and plateaware. Milner's fire proof safe 25 by 20 by 20 inches on stand, cottage piano, by Rose & Co. Old copper-coins, table ornaments, Singer's foot sewing Machine lady's and gent's bicycles etc the property of F. G NOLAN Esqr.

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Ex. s. s. "Arabia."

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21 Large size jail male Indian carpet, made to order, 23 × 10 3-4 feet.

1 Milner's safe 28 by 22 by 12 inches, on stand.

1 double door large and 1 single door, iron safes on stands

AT 2 P. M.

Several gents' bicycles by different makers.

1 light rubber-tyred victoria.

1 rubber-tyred vis-a vis.

1 light dog cart.

1 glass fronted double-seated brougham

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AUCTION SALE OF REMAINING STOCK-IN-TRADE OF A LARGE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST'S SHOP.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 505 of 1905.

Abdul Hussin Abdul Tyeb Mamajiwalla and another ..... Plaintiff;

vs.

Dawoodbhoy Mahomedaly and another..Defendants.

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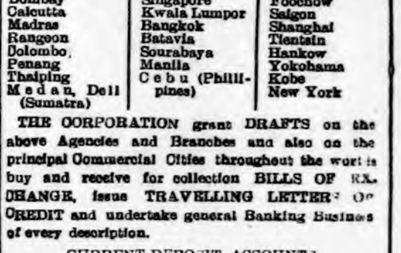

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THE B I S N Co's steamer Shirala, 3389 tons, Captain R H Browne, will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE Clan Line steamer Clan Lindsay, 2499 tons, Captain C MacMahon, will sail to-day for Vizagapatam in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer steam Virawa, 2176 tons, Captain P H Stunt, sailed yesterday for Muscat and Bahrein, with the same bottom cargo.

THE Hall Line steamer Stanley Hall, 2 50 tons, Captain T R Nuttall, will sail to-day for Marseilles and Liverpool with a general cargo and Mr and Mrs Longobald as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lhasa, 940 tons Captain H McDiarmed, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi 14th October, via Kathiawar Coast ports, with a general cargo and 2 cabin and 697 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Hyacinth.....Capt Hood .....Royal Navy

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R I M S Mayo .....Comdr Brownlow .....R I Marine
Three Torpedo Boats .....Royal Navy
R I M S Lawrence.....Comdr Sinclair .....R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Oct. 19.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
India	2591	Forbes			M M & Co
Eden (bque)	414	Souton			The Captain
Landaura	2106				M M & Co
Ilria	3429	Stone			M M & Co
Nurani	2870	Bullen			T M & Co
Dwarka	957	Outhsh			M M & Co
Africa	1303	Facquharton			M M & Co
Simla	3828	Goldsmith			P & O Co
Sherala	3100	Brown			M M & Co
Nevasa	1945	Evans			M M & Co
Alavia	2973	Davidson			E Tajbhoy
Bulimba	1997	Bamber			M M & Co
Virawa	2176	Stunt			M M & Co
Onipenta	3429	Hill			M M & Co
Onda	3410	Alton			M M & Co
Gogovale	2038	Rogers			
Pekin	2522	LeMarc			P & O Co
Sicilia		Weston	Taansport		

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
19	Sicilia s	Weston	Southampton, Sept 20
	Lhasa s	McDiarmed	Karachi, Oct 16

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
19	Afghan s	Dexter	Mauritius
	Dwarka s	Hirst	Persian Gulf
	Ilria s	Stone	Calcutta, &c
	Virawa s	Stunt	Bahrein

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Clan Lindsay, MacMahon, for Vizagapatam
" Shirala, Brown, for Calcutta
" Stanley Hall, Nuttall, for Liverpool, &c

The steamer Alavia, entered for loading yesterday for Jeddah, &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's ss Goorkha passed Lisbon on the morning of the 14th inst.

The Ancor Line ss Olympia, left Liverpool for Bombay, on the morning of the 18th inst.

Brigadier-General R. M. Greenfield took over Command of the Bombay Brigade on the 18th instant from Major-General A. G. Creagh, C.B., vacating on completion of tenure of Command.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Hathaway, R.A.M.C., Officiating Principal Medical Officer, Bombay Brigade, is granted leave of absence for 10 days, commencing from the 19th October. Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Faunce, R.A.M.C, will perform the duties of th P.M.O. during his absence.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Oct. 18.

SECURITIES—			
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£88 11-16	=	—1-16
3 do. Rentes	£99 1-4	=	unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£104	=	do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 3-4	=	do
SILVER—			
Spot in London	28 11 16	=	do
2 months hence	28 3-16	=	do
Spot in New York	62 1-8	=	do
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25'16 1-2	=	+ 1 1-2
Berlin	20'45	=	unchanged
New York Demand	4'86 3-8	=	+ 1-8
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	4	per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	4	per cent	= do
6 " "	4	per cent	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	4 3-8	per cent	= do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3-8	per cent	= do
INTEREST—			
Day to day loans	3 1-4	per cent	= do
7 day market loans	3 5-8	per cent	= do

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £230,000

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 1,00,00,000

Rs. 47'30	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs. 8'40	do	Bombay
Rs. 5'90	do	Madras

Rs. 61'60 at 1s 4 1/32d.
Minimum rate received 8 per cent. average rate 16'03
Telegraph Transfer—

Rs. 34'10	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs. 3'30	do	Bombay
Rs. 1'00	do	Madras

Rs. 38'40 at 1s, 4 1/16d.
Minimum rate received 8 per cent. average rate 16'07
Total amount sold during the week, Rs. 99,20,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 1,20,00,000
Extra allotments nil

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 10 3 3-4 Oct, sellers dull
Yellow Cawnpore 11 O-N nominal } firm
Brown 37 O-N buyers
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 38 3-4 O-N sellers firm
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 9-16

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed very steady. East Indian dull. Manchester steady. Total Sales 10,000. Spot 5'27 plus 1. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 13-16. Sold on speculation and for export 1,000. Imports nil. Futures closed very steady.

Oct-Nov.	Nov-Dec	Dec.-Jan.
5'22	5'24	5'23
+1		
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
5'20	5'22	5'31
—1	—1	—2
Apl.-May	May-June	June-July
5'36	5'38	5'39
—2	—2	—2

Receipts at U S Ports 38,000
Do last year 64,000
Exports to Great Britain 38,000
Do, do Continent ..... 48,000 yesterday 16,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	11'90	+15
Futures, month of Dec	9 85	+21
Do do, March	10'09	+27

a Advanced owing to official weather report considered unfavorable and bullish crop estimates.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	9 3-4	
Futures, month of Jan	9'9	+21
Do, do, April	10'09	+16
Tone at close	firm	

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th Oct. 1905 :—

Cotton	1 068 bales.
Wheat	16,087 cwts.
Linseed	1,292 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,998 do
Gingellyseed	2,228 do
Poppyseed	12 do
Groundnuts	113 do
Castorseed	6,839 do
Rice	1,993 do
Myrabollams	293 do
Cottonseed	3,506 do
Mowrasseed	1,8.2 do
Gram	8,031 do
Jowar	689 do
Bajree	112 do

BOMBAY, Oct. 19.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	Is. 4 1-16d to 1-32.	
Bank Demand	Is. 4 1-16d.	
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D.A.	Is. 4 5-16d.	
Do, 6 do, do,	Is. 4 15-32d.	
French Francs 3 do, do,	170 3-4 to 171	
Marcks 3 do, do,	139	
Hongkong 30 Days Sight	142 1 2	
Shanghai 30 do,	199	
Japan 30 do,	149 1-2	

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady

Cash	98'3
1st Settlement 1st November	98'8

Money Market, Tone easy.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do, 17th	Aug, 4	do.
Bank of Bengal	do, 29th	Sept. 5	do,
Bank of Madras	do, 10th	July 4	do,

SEEDS.

LINSEED—Tone steady.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	6	9	0
Forward Dec,	6	15	6

RAPESEED.—Tone firm.

Brown Cawnpore Ready	6	3	0
Yellow Guzerat Ready	7	0	0

POPPYSEED—Tone quiet but steady.

Ready buyers	6	15	0

CASTORSEED—Tone quiet.

Ready	27	0	0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone steady.

Howree Khandeish	39	0	0
15 per cent Mixed	37	0	0

WHEAT—Tone steady,

White Delhi	4	13	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—firm.
Estimated sales ..... 10,000 bales
Imports ..... Nil

Oct.-Nov.	Nov-Dec,	Dec.-Jan,
5'31	5 33	5 37
+9	+9	+9
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
5'39	5'41	5'43
+9	+9	+9
April-May	May-June,	June-July
5 45	5 47	5'48
+9	+9	+9

COTTON.—The market has steadied up under the firm advices from the other side with prices about Rs. 2 to 3 higher. The enquiry, however, is still very limited, and the turnover at Colaba is small. The closing Suttah quatations are as follows :—

Bengals Fully Good, January..... Rs. 180
Broach M.-G. Good, March..... " 231 1/2

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	very steady
Surats	dull
Good Bhownugger	...
The Manchester Market has been	steady
2 1/2 per cent Consols	88 11-16
2 1/2 per cent Reduced	99 1-4
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	104
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Papers	£5 3-4
Bar Silver	28 11-16

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. J. N. Tata and Co.'s Liverpool friends, writing on Sept. 27, report on the state of the Cotton Market on their side as follows :—

The feeling here is becoming slightly less pessimis ic. Certain very small estimates of the crop cent during the last few days from America were, for the moment ridiculed, but they have nevertheless had a somewhat disquieting effect on operators hitherto strongly bearish. We have ourselves received estimates of under ten millions from correspondents whom we have every reason to consider as worthy of confidence, but we dare scarcely mention such low figures, for it is yet undoubtedly too early to know anything at all exact as to the dimensions of the crop. The rate of killing frost must be known to us before we can have any more definite idea. These small estimates, however, undoubtedly tend to show which way the wind blows. Furthermore, people have been rather startled to discover that, according to advices from the other side, the yield in the gin have been disappointing, and some are also beginning to ask themselves if, after all, the land which was so remarkably productive last year, and gave such a magnificent quantity of lint per acre, can do as much this year? It is a most question whether the land have not been somewhat over-worked and exhausted by the last huge crop.

Thus the majority of the people here, although they still hold to their idea of 11 to 12 millions are beginning to have an uneasy feeling that the outturn might be less. The advance has been undoubtedly helped during the week by the fact that the farmers withdrew to a great extent from the market. The Continent, according to our own advices, has been buying shipments in America pretty freely, and as the Continent pays higher prices than the Liverpool importer can afford, it follows that Liverpool is not buying much cotton at present, and the sales of futures as hedges are correspondingly small, Buying orders have therefore come into a market somewhat denuded of its usual stock of futures. Hence the strength of the market lately. Operators here are beginning to realise that this power of the farmers to withdraw from the market when they are not satisfied with the price, is a very real thing. Here and on the continent we had not sufficiently grasped the strength of the southern farmer. He can, as long as he does not require too extravagant a prices, force spinners to pay any reasonable figure he cares to demand. This is a point which must not be forgotten. The mere figure of the crop is perhaps of less importance, temporarily than this fact that planters are able to combine and withdraw from the market, and maintain prices at a, to them, satisfactory level. In this course they are aided by a new bull clique which has been formed in New York, with the ostensible object of helping them to obtain higher prices for their cotton. As regards trade, our Manchester agent informs us that he does not think the business already done in goods yet fully covered in yarn, and also that there is still an immense amount of business for forward delivery still to be done.

As for the continent our St. Petersburg agent writes :—

Business has improved very much and the demand for manufactured goods has been so very brisk that stocks of old goods have been completely sold out till last May, 1905, at a good advance over last years's prices, and some contracts have even been made up to next September. Weavers and printers are undoubtedly doing a very good business, whilst spinners complain that their margin is considerably smaller. From Belgium we learn that the Ghent strike is over, as the operatives have agreed to accept the masters term. From America we learn that the trade in cotton goods both for home and export is active, and bids fair to continue so for many months.

In conclusion we fear we must maintain our bullish opinion. We "say" we fear" because so many of our spinner friends reproach us for this opinion. Others, they tell us, have good news of the crop, and state that everything is going on well in America. We can only assure you that we give exactly, honestly, and seriously, the news we receive from America, and that our own correspondents are men of integrity, and worthy of our confidence and every letter and cable we receive from America gives us news which will not permit us to believe in a big crop. We remain bull, therefore, and we it so solely in our clien s interest. We ourselves have no interest in the market as you know.—Options :—January-February, single 0.25d, double 0'50d. F. M. single 0'30d, double 0'60d.

AN ALLEGED FRANDULENT TRANSACTION.

MR. KEMP, Chief Presidency Magistrate, heard at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday a case in which Kursetji Hormusji charged Hari Ramchandra Bhatvadekar, lately trading in the name of Bhatvadekar and Co., and Sorabji Rustanji, a broker, in respect of an alleged fraudulent transaction for Rs. 2,000. Mr. M. M. Murzban, with Mr. Godinho, pleader, appeared for the complainant Mr. Velinker appeared for the first accused, and Mr. Dhondi for the second accused.

The case for the complainant was that Bhatvadekar and Co., had filed their petition in the Insolvent Debtors' Court, with liabilities amounting to Rs. 58,732. On the strength of a negotiation made on an admitted bill of Rs. 2,454 to be recovered from the Government School of Art, complainant had advanced to the first accused in the presence of the second accused, Rs. 2,00), and had taken from him a promisory note for that amount. The first accused then handed over to the complainant the bill referred to, with an endorsement directed to the authorities of the School of Art that the amount was to be paid to complainant. The first accused subsequently filed his petition; and one K. M Shroff, who intervened in the proceedings, obtained an order of the High Court, in pursuance of which he recovered the amount of the bill from the School of Art authorities. On hearing of this the complainant made enquiries and ascertained that thirteen months prior to the assignment of the bill the first accused had mortgaged and assigned all his outstandings and debts to Mr. Shroff for the sum of Rs. 8,000 and odd. This mortgage was brought about by the second accused, who knowing this at the time he negotiated the loan of Rs. 2,000, induced the complainant to advance that amount to the first accused. Complainant therefore charged the first accused with dishonest and fraudulent concealment of the fact of the prior mortgage, and the second accused with aiding and abetting him.

The first accused, in his statement, said that a copy of Mr. Shroff's mortgag was handed over by him to the second accused, who he believed, showed the copy to the complainant, who was a lawyer's clerk. Deponent was also informed that the complainant, who had the mortgage with him, had informed the second accused that he was satisfied that the Exhibition bills would not fall within the terms of Mr. Shroff's agreement. He had strictly cautioned the second accused to show the copy to the first accused during the negotiations. Deponent had not pocketed a single pie out of the monies received from the complainant; he had paid the monies the very next day to the merchants who had supplied the materials which Bhatvadekar and Co., sent for the School of Art exhibition work.

The second accused, in his statement, said that the loan had been originally negotiated at 18 per cent. per annum, but it was ultimately concluded at 12 per cent. Complainant had received from him a copy of the mortgage, and he kept it for some time with him.

Further hearing was adjourned.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

The "Bombay Government Gazette" Oct. 19

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr W T Morison ICS Commr in Sind is granted subject to any orders that may issue before his relief in consequence of apprehended famine privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for one year and three months with effect from the 17th November or the subsequent date on which he may be relieved

Mr R C Brown ICS on return to duty to be Political Agent Rewa Kantha

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt C H Alexander 36th Jacob's Horse to be Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad in addition to his Military duties vice Lieutenant H M Davidson

Chpt Alexander is also appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1891 to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Upper Sind Frontier Dist and will exercise the powers with which he is hereby invested within the limits of the Mility Cantonment of Jacobabad H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Capt M T Elderton 108th Inft to be Cantonment Magt at Deesa in addition to his Military duties vice Major A H Folton

Capt Elderton is also appointed und r section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magt of the First Class within the limits of the military Cantonment of Deesa.

The Governor in Council is pleased to make the following substantive pro tem appointments in the Court of Small Causes Bombay vice Mr W Chitty B A, Cantab Bar-at-Law on deputation or pending further orders :—

Mr Rustamji Merwanji Patel M A L L B Bom to be Chief Judge Mr A K Donald Bar at Law to be Second Judge Mr Muhammad Hussain Hakim Bar-at-Law to be Third Judge Mr Jijibhai Edalji Modi B A Bom Bar-at-Law to be Fourth Judge Mr Krishnalal Mohanlal Jhaveri M A L L B Bom to be Fifth Judge

Under section 32 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 the Governor in Council is pleased to empower the undermentioned Magistrates of the Second Class in the district of Khandesh to pass sentences of whipping :—

Mr Purushottom Sakharam Bhatye Mamlatdar taluka Chalisgaon Mr Hari Pandurang Deshmukh Mamlatdar taluka Jamner Mr Dhondoo Kashinath Lele Mahalkari petha Erlabad Mr Vishnu Ganesh Kerbaokar Nahalkari petha Navapur

The High Court on its Appellate Side will be closed for the Christmas vacation from Sunday the 24th December to Saturday the 6th January both days inclusive The Registrar's office will be open daily from 11 a m to 4 p m during the vacation except on Saturdays and close holidays Applications in criminal cases and applications of an urgent character in civil cases will be received during the vacation

Mr Shankar Ganesh Pradhan to practise as a Pleader in the Thana District

Mr Krishnaji Narayanacharya Kiresur to practice as a Pleader in the Dharwar District

Mr Shivshanker Chhaganlal Bhatt to practise as a Pleader in the Broach District

The following appointments of Head Accountants in the Northern Division are ordered in consequence of the leave granted to Mr Vinayak J Bhatkhande Head Accountant of Dharwar being extended by one year's furlough :—

Mr Lingaya Papaya Fifth Grade Head Accountant Surat to act as Fourth Grade Head Accountant Broach vice Mr Vinayek Sadasiv Nirokhekar transferred to Ratnagiri

Mr Ganesh Waman Gadre L C E Deputy Accountant Satara is appointed to act as Fifth Grade Head Accountant Surat vice Mr Linga a Papaya

Mr L C Swifte I C S delivered over and Mr A C Logan I C S received charge of the office of Collector and District Magistrate Poona and Political Agent Bhor on the 2nd instant

Mr A C Logan I C S delivered over and Mr L C Swifte I C S received charge of the office of Collector and District Magistrate Poona and Political Agent Bhor on the 4th instant

Mr Mahadev Chintaman Kelkar Mamlatdar of the Shahada Taluka in the Khandesh District is granted privilege leave for three months

Mr Ganesh Martand Bhalerao Clerk in the Collector's office Khandesh is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Shahada during the absence of Mr Kelkar or pending further orders

Shaikh Ibrahim Bapubhai Head Karkun taluka Niphad in the Nasik District to act as Mamlatdar of the Kalvan Taluka in the same district during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Gopal Laxman Killedar or pending further orders

Mr Narayan Anant Nadkarni Head Clerk to the Collector of Kanara to act as Mamlatdar of Karwar during the deputation of Mr R V Bakre the permanent incumbent to audit the Jamabandi accounts of the Dharwar District

The leave granted to Mr Vinayak Janardan Bhatkhande Head Accountant of Dharwar dated 23rd March is extended by one year's furlough and the following appointment and transfer are made :—

Mr Keshav Ramrao Chavak Third Grade Head Accountant Satara to act as Second Grade Head Accountant at Dharwar.

Mr Vinayak Sadashiv Nirokhekar Head Accountant Broach is transferred to Ratnagiri

Messrs H G Bulkley and G H Belcham respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue in charge Kharaghoda Range the 3rd October

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and IN MEMORIAM Notice (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for 4 lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. Cash strictly in ADVANCE.

OUTSTATION PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BURTON—October 14, at Azamgarh, the wife of B H Burton, U P Police of a son.
COVENTRY—Oct 9, at Pusa Bengal, the wife of Bernard Coventry, of a daughter.
MCCAY—Oct 6, at Kuri, the wife of Captain D. McCAY, M.B. I. M. S. of a son.
PETERSON—October 10, at Simla, the wife of Major F H Peterson, D S O, 32nd, Sikh Pioneers, of a daughter.
SOVERE'IN-SMITH—Oct 6, at Calcutta, the wife of Mr. A. V. Sovereign-Smith, of a son.
WEBB—Oct 7, at Karseong, the wife of A. O'B. Webb, of a son.
WALTON—October 8, at Annandale View, Simla, the wife of Captain Graham Walton, of a son.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 51m. Sun sets 5h. 34m. High water, 2-58m., 2-48a. Low water, 8-53m., 8-49a.
H. E. Lord Lamington's arrival, Victoria Terminus, 10-50 a.m. (R. I.)
P. and O. s.s. Peninsular, with English Mails of 6th inst., due to arrive at 9 a.m.
Bombay Light Horse. Inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers in India, parade, Church Gate Station, 6-45 a.m.
Bombay Volunteer Artillery. Inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers, Town Hall, 8-30 p.m.

THE STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.—On Sunday' Professor N. G. Wellinker will deliver a public lecture on "Gift or Acquisition" at 5-15 A.M. in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum.

HINDU LAD RUN OVER.—Pandu Kusha, a Hindu lad aged 12, residing with his parents in Chinch Bunder Road, was on Wednesday seated on top of a cart loaded with sacks of rice which was proceeding along Resy Road, when he fell asleep and tumbled down. One of the wheels rolled over his body and killed him on the spot.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Ceylon and Australia per s. s. "Yarra" will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a.m., to-day instead of yesterday as previously notified.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay per extra s.s. "Sultan" will be closed at the General Post Office at 11 a.m., on Monday the 23rd instant. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

THEFT BY A HINDU.—At the Mazagon Police Court, Bombay, yesterday, before Mr. Karsandrs Chabildas, Kanji Ramchandra, a Hindu, was charged with stealing a pump-pipe of the value of Rs 11 the property of Messrs Mainland, Price and Co, The accused was seen removing the pipe from the Company's yard at Mazagon on Wednesday evening and arrested immediately afterwards. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to one day's rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 50, or, in default to undergo fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment.

A YOUNG CRIMINAL.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court before Mr. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Gunnia Bhiroo 18 years of age, was charged with theft of Rs. 2-1-3 belonging to Cheog Takchum, a Chinese, a fireman on board a steamer. On Wednesday afternoon the complainant was buying fish and vegetables in the Crawford Market, when the accused put his hand into his jacket and took out the money. Complainant then seized him and made a report to the police. He was searched and Rs. 1-12-3 were found in his mouth. On the charge being explained to the accused, he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, of which one month was to be solitary confinement.

NEIGHBOURS AT VARIANCE.

AT the Mazagon Police Court yesterday afternoon Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Joaquim Gomes and Anthony Rose Antao charge T. Hartley, E. Barwick, and Mrs. G. Fowler with assaulted, using insulting language, and with abetment of the offences.

Mr. DeSouza, pleader, appeared on behalf of the prosecution, and the first two accused were defended by Mr Pereira, pleader, and the third accused by Mr. Oliviera, pleader.

From the evidence for the prosecution it would appear that the parties lived in Nawab's Buildings, Byculla. On the evening of the 15th instant the second complainant and one Leo DeSouza were walking to and fro on the corridor of the building when the third accused sent word to them by her Ayah to leave the place which the declined to do. Mrs. Fowler then came out and began to abuse them and in the meantime sent her ayah to call the second accused, who is her father. The second accused who came on the scene had an altercation with the second complainant. The first accused then came on the scene and he and the second accused assaulted him. The first complainant then came out and while trying to pacify the accused he too was assaulted.

The first accused denied having assaulted Antao and said he interfered in order to release the second accused from a number of Goanese who were pulling him about. The second accused also denied the charge and said that he was attacked by several Goanese. The third accused also denied the charge.

The Magistrate convicted the first two accused of assault and the third accused of using insulting language. The first accused was fined Rs. 60 or in default to undergo three weeks' imprisonment, the second accused was fined Rs. 40 or in default ten days' imprisonment and the third accused was fined Rs. 50. Thirty rupees of the fine, if recovered, were ordered to be paid to complainant Antao as compensation.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. YARRA.

PASSENGERS who proceed to-day per Messageries Coy's steamer Yarra from V. Dock shed No. 10 for Australia and ca. There will be the usual medical inspection at the dock at 11-15 a.m. Native servants and ayahs and deck passengers must be at the Prince's dock, disinfecting shed at 8 a. m., with all their baggage.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTIONS.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

THE annual inspection of the Bombay Volunteer Rifle Corps by Major-General Stratford Collins Inspector-General of Volunteers in India, took place yesterday morning at Santa Cruz. Unfortunately, the attendance of Volunteers was very meagre, but this may well be attributed to the shortness of the notice given to the men as well as to the early hour at which the parade was held and the great distance to Santa Cruz. However, had the parade been held in Bombay, there would be no facility of going through any kind of field firing—a point in volunteering which is now being so keenly observed.

The men formed up near the Santa Cruz station on the B. B. & C. I. Railway at 6-30 a.m. and were marched down to the butts, where they formed up within about twelve hundred yards of the targets facing north. The Inspector-General, accompanied by Major Koebel, Brigade Major, arrived on the scene at 7 o'clock and was received with the General Salute. After undergoing a minute inspection of their arms the battalion were wheeled to the left, over the paddy fields, in two divisions. The battalion then advanced by companies in skirmishing order, taking cover and firing at different unknown ranges,—the Cyclists' section forming the flank. On nearing the targets which were represented by dummies a bayonet charge was ordered at the double.

The General then inspected the targets, after which he briefly addressed the men. In the course of his remarks he observed that he was sorry that such short notice had been given of this parade. He regretted to notice so much of running about in the firing line during the field firing exercises, but he hoped this would improve during the season. The Cyclists' section he was glad to observe had kept their places remarkably well. It was regrettable that the monsoons somewhat tended to mar the progress of volunteering in regard to more exercises during the year. The performance of the battalion yesterday morning generally, he added, was very good and he hoped the Corps would have some front rank during the Royal visit.

The men were then dismissed after fully an hour's skirmishing.

There were about seventy men on parade, the officers present being Lieutenant-Colonel Ferrers Nicholson (Commanding), Major P. R. Cadell, Major R. W. L. Dunlop, Lieutenant Potts, Lieut. Cresswell, and Captain and Adjutant G. D. Price.

B. B, C. I. RY. VOLUNTEERS.

The Battalion fell in at about 3 p.m. on the eastern side of the railway line a few hundred paces from the Santa Cruz Railway Station. The train was specially brought to a standstill on the Railway line to enable the men to get out at the place of meeting. The Battalion being formed up, the men were marched up in two divisions to the marcelving grounds where the B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifles ranges are situated. Here ball ammunition was served out to the men and they were put through a series of exercises.

At close on 4 p.m. General Stratford Collins accompanied by Brigade Major Koebel arrived on the field. The train bringing the General was stopped for convenience sake at the same spot where the Volunteers had alighted.

General Collins was met by the Commandant, Major Dean on alighting and escorted to the parade ground. On the General's arrival the battalion "presented" arms. General Collins made a careful inspection of the arms and accoutrements of the volunteers, putting them some questions.

Two strong companies of the Corps were present. It must be remembered that the B. B. and C. I. Volunteers are spread over various districts away from Bombay—having detachments at Ahmedabad, Rutlam, Bhavnagar, Jamalsar and other places. Of course it would not be possible for these men to come down to Bombay simply for an inspection, but the Inspector-General of Volunteers will inspect them shortly at the various centres.

The officers present on this occasion were Major Dean (Commandant) Capt. and Adjutant J. H. M. Davie, Lieuts Medley and Durneford, 2nd Lt. Cotesworth.

General Collins in addressing the battalion said he observed a marked improvement in the discipline of the men. Where the discipline came from he could not say, but he believed credit was due to Lieut. Durnsford for the men under his command.

The General found the shooting very satisfactory. He also spoke about the precaution to be observed in the handling of magazine rifles.

The Inspector General laid stress on discipline being a most important factor in volunteering. He referred to Lord Roberts' opinion which was that every capable man in England should be a volunteer and queried that if such a high authority as Lord Roberts expressed that of the men in England, how much more it would seem desirable for men who are likely to fight for the British flag having the use of arms and enrolling as volunteers?

General Collins urged upon the men present trying to render themselves as efficient as possible and then left.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Major Geoghegan, 74th Punjabis, is appointed Attache in the Adjutant General's Department.

Captain Edwards, 1st Battalion, 3rd Gurkhas, has been selected for appointment as Supply and Transport Officer in North China.

Captain Maitland, Gordon Highlanders, has been selected as Aide-de-Camp to Lieut.-General Sir Ian Hamilton and is ordered home.

Lieut. Bruce, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Gurkhas, is appointed an Asst. Commandant in the Burma Military Police.

WESTERN COMMAND.

116th Mahrattas.—Lieutenant N. B. Rimington, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, attached 1st Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 21st September.

37th Dogras.—Lieutenant L. B Cloete, Double Company Officer to be protem. 4th Double Company Commander, to fill an existing vacancy. Date 4th March.

Major A. C. McCrea, 4th Double Company Commander and pro tem. 3rd Double Company Commander, to be 3rd Double Company Commander and pro tem. 2nd Double Company Commandar Captain A. B. Lodgden, Double Company Officer and pro tem. 4th Double Company Commander, to be 4th Double Company Commander and pro tem. 3rd Double Company Commander, but to remain seconded Captain W. H. Nicholson, Double Company Officer and pro tem. 4th Double Company Commander, to be pro tem. 3rd Double Company Commander, but to remain seconded and Lieutenant L. B. Cloete, Double Company Officer and pro tem. 4th Double Company Commander, to be pro tem. 3rd Double Company Comm

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J. G. GREIG, Captain,
A.-D.-C. to H. E. the Governor.

Camp of H. E. the Governor,
19th October, 1905.

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"*" All communications intended for publication in our columns must be addressed to THE EDITOR and not to any individual member of the staff.

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TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA.

THE newly issued Administration Report of the Indian Telegraph Department is more than usually interesting inasmuch as it deals with the first year of reduced rates. It is shown that the receipts from all sources of revenue have risen from Rs. 1,11,27,986 to Rs. 1,15,97,897. The increase in the value of telegrams, however, was not at all proportionate to the increase in their number, "owing principally to the lower rates which have been introduced for in'and telegrams, for whereas the number of telegrams has increased by 24·47 per cent, the message revenue has increased 3·32 per cent only." The value of private telegrams, however, increased by Rs. 5,56,261, while that of State telegrams decreased by Rs. 2,24,798 and "pro forma" revenue by Rs. 44,285. Then the State, not the public, is to blame, if any blame there be, for the increase in the receipts for private telegrams cannot but be very satisfactory to the Department, indicating as it does the appreciation by the public of the extended facilities for communicating by telegraph. An increased staff of signallers had to be engaged, but there is reason to believe that even yet the men consider themselves overworked and that the staff is undermanned. The number of telegraph offices has been increased by 390 and there are now 61,684 miles of line and 227,449 miles of wire. The memoranda of the Indian delegate to the Electrical Congress at St. Louis are summarised in the report. As one of the principal results of this Congress it is recorded that endeavours are being made to secure international words in the nomenclature and determination of electrical units and standards, which it is hoped to accomplish through the active co-operation of the Governments concerned and the representative Electrical Institutions. Under the list of events of interest it is placed on record that the revised rules for foreign telegrams, adopted by the International Telegraph Conference held in London in 1903, took effect from 1st July 1904. From that date the Eastern Telegraph Company reduced their rates on the section Aden to Bombay, on telegrams to Africa, and the Indian Government reduced their terminal rates on the same class of traffic which had the effect of reducing the rates to Africa by about twelve to fifteen annas per word all round. Another noteworthy event during the year was the introduction of wireless telegraphy with the Andamans, the first installation of the kind in this country.

Since the reduction of rates it is remarkable, though not surprising, that the average value of an inland private telegram has fallen by 2·3 annas and the length from an average of about 18·30 words to about 14·13 words. Although the average value and length have decreased, yet the approximate average value per word has risen from ·69 annas to ·73 annas, due to the abolition of the free address in urgent and ordinary telegrams and to its restriction to six words in the case of deferred telegrams. As is recorded the free address in deferred telegrams has since been abolished and ten words, including the address allowed instead of four, with free address, for the unit charge of four annas. The number of inland State telegrams sent at the unit rate of four annas was only 2·45 of the total inland State traffic. The value of inland press telegrams has decreased by 34·98 per cent, owing to the reduction of charges, but the number of words transmitted was 14,045,940 as against 7,682,180, but the results will be more satisfactory when the smaller newspapers have learnt to appreciate the value of telegrams of their own. The handling of the messages by the Department is, on the whole, satisfactory. Of 11,153,923 messages received, only 53,628 remained undelivered; equal to ·48 per cent as against ·37 per cent of 9,063,377 in the previous year. In foreign telegrams there was an increase of 11·31 per cent and 13·63 in the Indian share of their value. In foreign press telegrams 651,947 words were transmitted, an increase of 38·10 per cent, to and from India. It is not a great quantity, but there is reason to believe that it will grow every year as most of the principal English journals have now their own correspondents. Much information is given as to the interruptions of traffic, all of which are satisfactorily accounted for, but no account is given of the number of inaccuracies in signalling, which are somewhat common and not at all easy of explanation, except it be that they are the result of high pressure on the establishment.

THE OUTLOOK.

MATTERS are well in hand in Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara in view of distress which increases. More funds have been provided and officers appointed for their administration. In Bombay, officers have been warned to stand fast, leave is difficult to obtain and will so continue until it is seen precisely what operations are necessary. This week's reports show that in Kaira and Broach more rain is urgently needed for rice and rabi crops which are withering. In Surat rice and jowari are withering. A similar report with regard to Thana rice is received though the rain of the past few days may have done something to relieve anxiety. In Colaba more rain is needed for standing crops which have been damaged in three talukas and the Kolhapur petha where prices have risen as they have also at Mangaon. In Khandesh rain is still wanted for jowari, cotton and rabi. Nassick is similarly afflicted and also reports deficiency of water in the Sinnar taluka. Poona, Sholapur, Kathiawar, Baroda, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha and Sivantvadi, all require rain for growing crop. Satara shows an inadequate supply of fodder in parts of south-eastern and eastern talukas and Native States and furthermore a deficiency of water in irrigation wells and canals. In two talukas of Bijapur fodder and water are insufficient; water in irrigation tanks and channels is running short and the price of fodder is rising. In Belgaum some talukas are short of fodder and cattle in an unsatisfactory condition in six. Prices of food-grains are ascending. Dharwar reports crops withering in two talukas and water in irrigation tanks wells and channels insufficient. In Porbandar the fodder supply is inadequate. In two talukas of Cutch the fodder is insufficient and irrigation water deficient in six. Kolhapur and the Southern Maratha country report standing crop withering, the supply of fodder and water running short, irrigation wells running dry and agricultural stock sufficient, but not in good condition. The outlook is not at all encouraging.

UNPROFITABLE CRIME.

THE report of the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard seems to show that year by year crime, as an occupation becomes more unprofitable. Whether the profession is becoming over-run or whether the Police are becoming smarter in capturing offenders it is hard to say, and Scotland Yard alone, which is reticent upon the point, can tell. While apprehensions and convictions increased the value of property stolen decreased heavily and the value of that recovered increased. The total number of persons apprehended was 126 530, an increase of 1,976 as compared with the preceding year and of these only 519 were acquitted or discharged on ignored bills. The increase, it seems, was chiefly in minor offences, but there was an increase of 845 in the number of criminal offences reported, and of 910 in the number of felonies relating to property. The proportion of criminals to population, it seems, is 2,693 per thousand. The value of the property stolen decreased by £28,009 and from other statistics it would appear that the old fashioned crimes of burglary and housebreaking are losing their popularity. Attempted suicide, too, brought fewer persons to the dock and servants are growing more honest if one is to judge by the fewer charges against them for larceny. The crimes that are increasing in popularity are child stealing, shop-breaking, fraud and uttering counterfeit coin. It seems astonishing that only 474 burglaries were committed in London in 1904, while housebreaking was only recorded in 1,671 occasions as against 1,877 in the previous year. Perhaps the reason is to be found in the fact that in 251 cases of burglary and 759 of housebreaking the value of the property stolen was less than £5. Murders showed an increase of three and penal servitude was awarded to 390 persons of which 143 were for five years and over. The most hopeful part of the report is the decline of offences by children from 4,099 to 3,611 and also the knowledge that the finger print department is proving ever more and more useful in the detection of crime.

AN EDUCATIONALIST ON PRESENT DAY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

MR. A. C. BENSON, who is editing, (with Viscount Esher) selections from the correspondence of Queen Victoria, has seized the occasion of the opening of the school year for a pronouncement in the "Speaker" upon school education. After twenty years' experience of Eton, he declares the classical system hollow at the core, wrong in principle, and wrong in method—wrong in method because, instead of imparting the power to read a Greek or a Latin author, it wastes infinitely precious time on infinitely unimportant details of scholarship; wrong in principle because it fails to attain its end. The average boy has no conception whatever of the ideas that thrilled Greek life, of the beauty of Sophocles or the sweetness of Virgil. He enters school alert, willing to work and to be interested, only to become in a few months cynical and sceptical and to seek refuge in games. As to the facts there can be no doubt that Mr. Benson is just. The vast mass of public school men at the older universities are unintelligent, have no knowledge of or liking for literature, and are almost completely ignorant even of the languages upon which they have spent ten years of their lives. True there are a few brilliant exceptions, and they make great play in the apologies for the existing system, but the boy with an instinct for higher things will fight his way up to them, no matter who his teachers or what their instruction. The exceptional boy educates himself; systems are needed chiefly for the average, for those for whom preferences must be provided and developed. Mr. Benson, like a good critic, suggests a remedy. He would diminish greatly for the general body of boys the time devoted to linguistic studies; he would substitute French for the classical tongues, and he would lay much more stress on the teaching of history, of geography, of science, or arithmetic, and of English. The point in this scheme which seems weakest is the substituting of French for Greek or Latin. The value of French to the student, from the point of view of taste and literature, may be made as great as that of Greek or Latin; but the acquisition of a foreign language has also as end the development of the reasoning faculty. It may be true that no language accomplishes this as well as mathematics or logic, but certainly the more different the system upon which it is built from that of one's native tongue, the more likely is it to be effective. Therein lies the good argument for imparting on rational lines some classical knowledge to all boys. That, however, the present almost exclusively classical education will have to be greatly modified no one, who has seen much of its workings, can doubt.

LORD KITCHENER will probably stay a week or ten days at Simla.

MR. B. STAPLETON ex-Engineer is on return from leave posted to the Nagda-Muttra Railway.

THE King has expressed a hope that a revival in trade will put an end to the distress prevailing in the east end of London.

THE members of the Royal Family lunched at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday to take farewell of the Prince and Princess of Wales before their departure for India.

THE Nawab of Rampur who had a farewell interview with the Viceroy yesterday afternoon leaves Simla this morning.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. Arabia with the homeward Mails of the 14th instant arrived at Aden at 10·30 p.m. on October 19.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. Moldavia with the outward Mails of the 13th instant left Suez at 1·30 a.m. on October 19.

IT is understood that the slopes of the Chor mountain near Simla are not likely to be utilised at present as the site for a new cantonment.

THE relieved troops in Chitral are now on the march to Chakdarrah. The weather continues seasonable and the tribal country is absolutely quiet.

COMMENTING on the diction of the Address with which the Bombay Corporation proposes to welcome Lord Minto, the "Statesman" makes the following unkind cut at our amiable contemporary :—"It would almost seem that so perfect a combination of mellifluous rhetoric, literary allusion, and historical retrospect can only be accounted for on the supposition that the Corporation has called to its aid the pen of him who makes the editorial columns of the "Times of India" "a perpetual feast of nectar'd sweets where no crude surfeit reigns." As a matter of fact, however, we are given to understand the address was drawn up by the Benjamin of the Corporation, whose colleagues accepted the quaint production rather than hurt his feelings, which was very nice and kind of them.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 17th Oct. was 611, giving a death-rate of 37·39 per annum per thousand as against 41·54 the corresponding period of last year, and 46·62, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 66 died from fevers; 14, plague; 2, small-pox; 1, leprosy; 53, phthisis; 39, diseases of the nervous system; 145, affections of the respiratory organs; 21, diarrhœa; 16, dysentery; 53, still-born; 100, old age and debility; 14, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 27; Brahmin, 26; Lingaet, 1; Bhattia, 7; Hindu of other caste, 228, Hindu low caste, 79; Musalman, 135; Parsee, 21, Jew 5 and Native Christian, 21, Eurasian, 2; European, 4; Negro-African, 2. The total number of births was 392 as against 440, the corresponding period of last year and 371 the average over the past five years.

THE impending creation of an Austro-Chinese, Bank is announced in the Austrian Press. The main object of this bank will be to facilitate and extend the export trade from Austria-Hungary to China. The initiative in the matter is said to have been taken by the Minister President, and the transaction is being managed by representatives of the leading Viennese banks. The capital called for in the original project is stated to be from £800,000 to £1,000,000 of which, however, not more than one-fourth will be paid up at first. The shares will be divided among the participating banks, and it is possible that some may also be taken by the Imperial Government. The new venture is to have its head-quarters at Vienna, and branches at the principal commercial centres in China. It is being modelled on the lines of the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank of Berlin, founded in 1839, and in view of the close financial relations subsisting between the Austrian and German "haute finance" it seems not improbable that the Austro-Chinese Bank will be found to serve as a useful satellite to the German institution for the furtherance of German commercial and political interests in the Far East.

DETAILS were made known in Liverpool, on Wednesday, of the formation of an extensive English-Japanese shipowning and carrying combine, with a capital estimated at £5,000,000. The chief European offices will be in London, but the management will be carried on at Liverpool. The company will take over some 40 steamers, varying from 2,000 to 3,000 tons, which have been acquired at various dates by the Japanese Government for transport work. The vessels thus purchased will be used chiefly for centralising Japanese coastwise trade, and also for carrying from Indian and Chinese ports shipments for distribution from Port Arthur, which will be the Far Eastern head-quarters of the company. The Japanese Government have granted concessions to the enterprise for the erection of warehouses and special dock accommodation. Several large Cargo-steamers, ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 tons, are to be acquired by the concern, which will carry direct to Liverpool, London, Antwerp, and some French port. It is stated that not only will Japan's export trade receive an enormous development, but that it will be linked with that of China and that a brisk business will be done from Europe in machinery, rails steel-plates, and manufactured goods generally. The names of Sir Alfred Jones, Mr. R. D. Holt, and several China merchants are mentioned in connection with the new company. The manager's offices will be those at present occupied by Messrs. Elder Dempster at African House, Water Street, Liverpool. A part of the Liverpool staff is to consist of Japanese.

THE "Westminster Gazette" calls to mind in a note :—Very close upon 50 years ago—the date having been October 9, 1855—the ratifications were exchanged of the first modern agreement between Great Britain and Japan, and it is especially interesting, in view of the extended treaty of alliance now concluded, to recall that the "Times" declared, upon the publication of the earlier document : "It is idle to suppose that things will remain at their present point. The islands which constitute the Japanese Empire no longer remain secluded from the usual highways of the world. The very incidents of the gigantic contest [the Crimean war] in which the Western Powers are at this moment engaged with Russia have added to the embarrassments and difficulties of Japanese statement. . . . It is quite clear that Japan is an independent sovereignty, and is entitled to all the respect which such a Power can claim at our hands according to the law of nations." In the same spirit of foresight, the "Times" continued : "Depend upon it, there is something in the Japanese hand and in the Japanese mind which will be of service to humanity; but to ensure success with them, there is a necessity for the greatest forbearance and, above all, for the most absolute and implicit good faith. We should be rejoiced indeed upon such a point as this to see nations such as the United States, France and Great Britain agree upon fixed principles of conduct. Let them be fully determined to attain their end, but yet so that a fine empire shall not be reduced to ruin and a most interesting population be given up to rapine, plunder, and all the horrors of war." And the manner in which the root-idea here expressed has gradually come to full fruition will rank among the marvels of modern history.

NAPOLEON AND NELSON.

THE name of Nelson occurs in the long series of Napoleon's correspondence not in frequently during the period of the Egyptian campaign and constantly during the months preceding Trafalgar. It came naturally in his way when he was dictating his account of the expedition to Egypt to Bertrand at St. Helena. The tone of all these passages, observes Mr. David Harway in an article in a current magazine, leads him at least to a conclusion which may possibly appear surprising and seem, if is accepted as sound, to reflect very little credit on the Emperor's perspicacity. It is he continues that Napoleon at this time at all events, did not rank Nelson very high as a commander, did not credit him with any considerable share in defeating the great scheme of invasion, and was not sufficiently angry with him to be provoked by his name into such explosions of spite as we can find directed against Metternich or Wellington.

The first explicit reference to Nelson in the correspondence occurs in a letter to Kleber dated September 4, 1798 : We cannot disguise it from ourselves that in the action of the 14th [i.e. the 14th Thermidor in the Revolutionery Calendar, the 1st August in the Gregorian] it was our chiefs who were beaten rather than the squadron, since while the numbers were equal, the English were three and four against one [that is, they concentrated in superior numbers at the point of attack]. I see nothing in all that except a faulty disposition [on our part understood]. It gives me a favourable idea of Admiral Nelson, but it does not give me a too unfavourable one of our navy, and I remain still persuaded that if the English had been so good as to attack us during our voyage we would have beaten them soundly." There we have an appreciation by one artist of another, not unfriendly, but not very laudatory. The French admirals had blundered, and Nelson had shown intelligence in taking advantage or their ineptitude—that is all. When this letter was written to Kleber on the 18th Fructidor of the year VI (September 4, 1798), the writer was only General Bonaparte, whose heart was set on vast conquests in the East at the head of the army he had landed safely. The defeat of the French Fleet seemed no great matter to the reader Plutarch, who knew that Alexander had overturned the empire of the great king with thirty thousand Macedonians, and who as yet saw no reason why he should not do as much. He was not the first consul or emperor whose plans for defeating England on the sea had been ruined, and who was driven back on the second best course of conquering her in Europe. But years later, when that adventure had been tried and had led him to St. Helena, his tone towards Nelson is not materially altered. In the "Guerre d'Egypte,' dictated in exile to Bertrand, we find the same cool recognition of the admiral's capacity; the same insistence on the comparative easiness of the task : the colours are deepened and the line more marked, but nothing more. 'The action of admiral Nelson was a desperate action which cannot be held up as a model, but in which he, as well as the English crews showed all possible skill and vigour, while half of the French squadron displayed as much clumsiness as poorness of spirit.'

There is a marked difference here, it is true, but in the estimate of the French fleet not of Nelson. In the interval between Abonkir and the voyage to St. Helena as prisoner, his navy had failed him completely, and Napoleon could forgive neither it nor its Chief. Few things in all the vast roll of his correspondence and his confidences are more characteristic than the contrast between his words to Villeneuve immediately after the Nile and every reference made to him in later years. Three weeks after the battle he writes, in a letter directed to Villeneuve : If there were any reproach to be made to you, it would be that you did not set sail at once when L'Orient blew up, since the position taken by the Admiral had been forced and surrounded on all sides by the enemy three hours before.' At St. Helena a large share of responsibility for the disaster is thrown on the bad conduct of Admiral Villeneuve it is certain that nothing could be more entirely of a piece than the timidity of Villeneuve in August, 1798 and during the whole series of operations in 1805, from the day when he left Toulon till he turned south from Ferrol. But in the earlier year he had not failed general Bonaparte. In the second he proved a broken reed to the Emperor Napoleon, and therefore his whole conduct was seen by the judge in another light.

The application of the adjective desperate to Nelson's attack in the Nile may seem incompatible with the view that his victory was made easy for him by the incapacity of his opponent. And indeed Napoleon was not very much concerned to be consistent. He threw the blame as he would have thrown a stone. But there was something more here, or something other than his hereditary Italian readiness to use injurious words as weapons. In June of 1805, Napoleon writes to reassure Decres, his Minister of Marine, against the fear that a French Fleet anchored outside the Goulet of Brest would be subject to the same kind of attack as at the Nile. After alleging several substantial reasons why it should not, he ends with and finally the admiral who is before Brest has not, like Nelson, to atone for an immense stupidity. There can be no doubt as to what the immense stupidity was. Nelson had reached Egypt before the French, and finding the roadstead empty had at once turned back to Sicily by the coast of Caramania. He passed across the route of the French so close that the fog signals of his fleet were heard by them, and he left the way to Egypt open. This was the 'immense stupidity' Napoleon accused Nelson of committing. It was this that he had to make good by attacking at all hazards on August 1. That action Napoleon says, was 'desperate' on Nelson's part; that it was safe was the fault of Brueys. The Emperor spoke with knowledge of a side of the game at which the Admiral could only guess, and we judge after the event. He and we if we like, can condemn Nelson for not realising that the French could only be found Egypt. We know that Nelson feared this reproach at the time, and was only deterred from sending a defence of his conduct to the Admiralty by the shrewd advice of Captain Ball, to wait till he was blamed. The victory of the Nile stopped all accusation then, and for always. Yet it is among the minor might-have-beens of history that the defence might have been called for. If Brueys had been more alert and had taken advantage as late as the last day of July of the leave given him to sail for the Ionian Islands, it is eminently probable that Nelson would have missed the French only to find them unattackable in Corfu, and even Toulon, later on. Then how would it have stood with him?

The whole of the correspondence during the elaborate framing and feeble execution of the great scheme of 1804-5 proves one thing, and it is, that Napoleon looked upon Nelson as a man whom it was easy to deceive. Before deciding that the Emperor was wrong so to think, we must put ourselves at the proper point—that is to say, behind all the glory of Trafalgar. Let us take May 25, 1804, when Nelson was watching Toulon. On that day Napoleon writes to Latouche Treville, the admiral then in command of the French : It would appear that Nelson does not blockade you hermetically, and that there are even in Messidor (June 12 to July 18) strong northern breezes (brises de mistral) which may even enable you to gain twenty leagues in a night. On July 2 he writes to the same officer : If you deceive Nelson he will go to Sicily, to Egypt, or to Ferrol. It is obvious that Napoleon saw no difficulty in eluding Nelson's watch, and fully expected that his admiral at Toulon could get away from the English squadron. The opinion was not peculiar to him, and the result showed that it was justified. Between the dates of these two letters of Napoleon's an English officer, Captain John Whitby, of whom Nelson thought well, wrote a very remarkable estimate of the situation to Cornwallis. At the very beginning of the following year, in January 1805, the confidence of Napoleon and the anxieties of Captain Whitby were alike shown to be well founded. Villeneuve did get to sea, and was lost to sight. Then Nelson fulfilled Napoleon's prophecy and went to Egypt. He sailed for the east coast of Sardinia on January 19, from the Maddalena Islands, was off Alexandria on February 8, and was not back off Toulon till March 9.

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THE ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA.

DEPARTURE FROM LONDON.

A Touching Farewell.

ROYAL FAMILY PARTING LUNCHEON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct 19.

The King and Queen and members of the family had luncheon together to-day in connection with the departure of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A great crowd assembled outside Buckingham Palace to watch the procession returning from Aldwych and to give the Prince and Princess a parting greeting.

LATER.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have started for India to-day. There was a great crowd outside Victoria Station which gave an enthusiastic farewell to their Royal Highnesses.

Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Brodrick, the Marquis of Bath, Sir E. Collen, Lord Wenlock and others connected with India were at the Station. Their Royal Highnesses shook hands with every one and then with their Majesties the King and Queen entered the Royal Saloon where affecting family farewells were said. All were greatly moved.

REVISION OF ARRANGEMENT AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, Oct. 19.

Owing to the necessity of the early departure of the "Renown" from Diamond Harbour on the morning of the 10th of January, the State Ball, at Calcutta, will take place on the 4th of that month, and their Royal Highnesses will, instead of returning to Calcutta from Darjeeling, proceed direct to Diamond Harbour, embarking on the evening of the 9th of January.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE UNREST IN CAUCASIA.

Reservists Join the Rising.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

There have been disturbances among the Reservists at Ekatermodar in the Caucasus. Shop windows were smashed and the traffic suspended.

Troops dispersed the crowd numbering two thousand after many were injured on both sides.

MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER ON THE ARMY.

Steadily Improving.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

Mr. Arnold-Forster, speaking at Craydon, said the Army was steadily and visibly improving and in three years would be on a better footing than it has been for many years.

THE CAPTIVE OFFICERS.

Spain Orders Their Release.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

Captain Crowther and Lieutenant Hatton are still prisoners.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

The Spanish Foreign Minister has telegraphed to the Minister at Tangier to obtain the release of the brigand Valiente whose brother holds Captain Crowther and Lieutenant Hatton as hostages.

A BRITISH SHIP FIRED ON.

Outrage By Moors.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

The Moors have fired on H. M. S. Cherwell near Ceuta, the bullets piercing her funnel.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT RICHMOND.

Attitude Towards Venezuela.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

President Roosevelt has started on his Southern tour. Speaking at Richmond, he said "We can help nations in the vicinity of Panama by wise and generous assistance. If they decline help it will be bad for them and bad for us and ultimately probably cause the United States to face humiliation or bloodshed."

The speech is plainly directed against Venezuela and San Domingo.

THE SUBMARINE RAISED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

The submarine A4 which sunk has been raised and dry-docked.

THE PARIS COUNCILORS IN LONDON.

Entertainment at the Mansion House.

The Lord Mayor entertained the Paris Municipal Councillors at the Mansion House to-day. The most cordial toasts were exchanged.

SIR H. IRVING CREMATED.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

Sir H. Irving was cremated yesterday at Golders' Green.

RESIGNATION OF SIGNOR GALLIENI.

LONDON Oct 18.

It is officially announced that Signor Gallieni has tendered his resignation.

THE KING AND WORKING CLASSES.

GRIEF AT THE PREVAILING DISTRESS.

HOPE IN A REVIVAL OF TRADE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 18.

The King, replying to the Poplar address, said that the welfare of the industrial classes was a matter of the greatest concern to him. He was deeply grieved at the distress which prevailed and hoped it would speedily pass with the revival of trade, meantime it would be mitigated by the recent legislation in Parliament. He would, he said, refer the address to his Ministers, who would advice him consistently with wisdom and sound policy.

THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATIONS.

Legislative Reprisals Imminent.

The investigations into the Insurance scandal at New York continue.

Mr. McCurdy, President of the New York Mutual, admitted that large sums were paid for the services of politicians, but said unless legislation were watched, the Insurance Companies would be legislated out of existence.

COLONIAL INTERFERENCE.

Australia Votes Home Rule for Ireland.

LONDON. Oct. 19.

The Australian House of Representatives have passed by 33 to 21 a motion of Mr Higgins for a petition to the Crown in favour of Home Rule for Ireland.

CALCUTTA'S WELCOME.

ADDRESS TO LORD MINTO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, October 19.

The Calcutta Municipality at yesterday's meeting adopted a draft address of welcome to Lord Minto.

SEQUEL TO A SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

A THOUSAND MEN STRIKE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Oct. 19.

On the 12th instant, two European assistants, Mr. David Butcher and Mr. Alexander Smith, of the Gouripore Mill, went shooting. On their return Butcher, when near the cooly lines fired at a dog twice, missed it and hit two coolies injuring them slightly. Butcher was tried and convicted of doing a rash and negligent act and fined Rs. 40, part which was given to the injured men as compensation. In consequence of the occurrence a thousand Mill hands refuse to return to work unless Mr. Butcher and Mr. Smith are dismissed.

THE BITER BIT.

INTIMIDATING BENGAL CAUGHT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Oct. 19.

A Bengali, Charu Chunder Banerjee, was charged at the Police Court yesterday, with trespassing into the shop of a Jew, named Abraham in Radha Bazaar in order to compel him to close on Monday last, which he refused to do. The matter was compromised by the Bengali, paying the Jew Rs. 25, which the complainant promptly put into the poor-box.

VOLUNTEERS INSPECTION AT POONA.

AN UNFORTUNATE DAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Oct. 19

Major-General Stratford Collius, Inspector-General of Volunteers in India, inspected the Poona Volunteers yesterday when it rained heavily, The Cadet Company was first put through Free Gymnastics Company Drill and Musketry by its own officers and N. C. O's. The cadets were questioned on the parts of the carbine and the answers given were very satisfactory.

The inspecting officer expessed his satisfaction at all he had seen and added that, from such a company, Government was getting its money's worth. The adult companies paraded on the rifle range in blinding rain; an attack was made on range the enemy being represented by the head and shoulder targets. The shooting was fairly good 6 1/2 per cent of hits being obtained.

General Collins afterwards addressed the Volunteers and remarked on the vast improvement they had made since his last visit. At the conclusion of the inspection Captain Dunne was presented with the long service medal and afterwards the General proceeded to the Bombay Volunteer Artillery and was met by Captain Armstrong, Commanding, and Captain Stiffe adjutant. The inspection was, however, abandoned as it was impossible for the men to turn up owing to the rain.

LORD KITCHENER.

POONA, Oct. 19.

Lord Kitchener left 1-30 this morning by special train to Ahmednagar where one day will be spent for inspection.

POONA HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

POONA, Oct. 19.

The game in the Aga Khan Hockey tournament to-day was between the East Lancashires and the East Kirkee. The weather was fine and clear and the attendance was large. The game was the best witnessed since the tournament commenced. In the first half time both the sides scored one goal each. But in the second half the East Kirkee played a good rattling game and scored three more goals and won the match by 4 goals to 2.

The game in the Harris Football tournament between the Royal Scots and the 93rd Highlanders did not come off as the ground was still wet.

MOUNTED SPORTS.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

ANOTHER fine afternoon was spent yesterday on the Marine Lines Maidan, when the second day's events in connection with the Gymkhana Mounted Sports were contested. The attendance was again fairly good, while the various items on the programme were all very interesting. As on the first day, there were seven items on the card commencing as usual with Tent-Pegging for Ponies. As many as thirteen competed, the largest number of points being secured by P. F. Fischer, second honours going to Captain Lucas. Mr. C. G. Stileman's Lux mounted by its owner, proved a laurel in the Jumping Competition for Horses, the second prize going to Major Fraser's Rudolph, and the third to Mr. J. de Courcy's Play Boy, both horses being ridden by their respective owners. An amusing feature of the afternoon's programme was the Lloyd Lindsay Competition in which teams of four had to ride over a given course to a point, and dismount in alternate half sections. Each half section in turn had to break with polo balls chatties hung on posts, after accomplishing which the team had to return over the same course. The shortest space of time was occupied by No. 2 team of the Bombay Light Horse to fulfil the conditions. The Horse Scurry Handicap attracted only five entrants, Mr. J. St. J. Graham's Ambrosine winning easily. The Balaclava Melee and Section Leading had to be postponed till to-day owing to the lateness of the hour. The Band of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers enlivened the afternoon's doings. Details :—

EVENT No 1.—Tent-Pegging. (B) Ponies.

P F Fischer	1
Capt Lucas	2

No less than thirteen competed and the number of pegs carried was above the average.

EVENT No 2.—Jumping Competition for Horses.

C G Stileman's Lux, Owner	1
Major T Fraser's Rudolph, Owner	2
J de Courcy's Play Boy, Owner	3

The jumping in many instances was of a superior character, some of the competitors having cleared most of the jumps with considerable ease.

EVENT No. 3.—Lloyd Lindsay Competition. Teams of four to ride over a given course to a point and dismount in alternate half-sections. The second half-section must not dismount until the first half-section has remounted. Each half-section must break, with polo balls, two chatties hung on posts, team to return over same course. Points given for time, style and dressing.

No 2 Team Bombay Light Horse Messrs Johnson, Hill, Clair and Blaird	1
No 3 Team Bombay Light Horse (Messrs Gray, Beale, Edlundh and de Courcy) (Six teams competed).	2

EVENT No. 4.—Egg and Spoon Race. Ladies' Nomination. Horses and Ponies. Gentlemen will assemble on a given white line mounted. Ladies will run 25 yards, carrying egg on spoon, hand same to Gentleman, who will ride a given course to winning post. The egg is not to be touched by either Lady or Gentlemen, and if dropped by either Lady or Gentleman they must return for another,

Mr Griffin nom. by Mr Shuter	1
T D Moore nom. by Mrs Wash	2
Capt Lucas nom. by Miss Russell	3

EVENT No. 5—Horse Scurry Handicap (Cup valued at Rs. 40). For all Horses that have never won a race of any description of the declared value of Rs. 50 or over, and that have competed, but not necessarily raced at the Sports during the season. Distance Handicap. Catch-weights over 12st.

J St J Graham's Ambrosine, Owner 10 yards	1
J de Courcy's Play Boy, Owner 20 yards	2
Miss Brodie Mills' Shrapnel, R K Franks 30 yards	3

Five started, Shrapnel got off at a good start and led the way for a considerable distance with Play Boy and Ambrosine abreast close behind Near home Ambrosine shot out and won, Play Boy and Shrapnel placing second and third respectively.

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT SICILIA.

The hired transport Sicilia, Captain G. H. C. Weston, R. N. R., arrived in harbour yesterday from Southampton, which port she left on the 29th September, and called at Port Said and Suez. She brought drafts and furlough men, consisting of 61 officers, 3 ladies, 15 warrant officers, 13 women and children, 1,061 non-commissioned officers and men, 58 women and 44 children During the voyage she experienced sultry weather in the Red Sea, and disturbed cyclonic weather after passing Aden, stood to the north for 50 miles on the 17th instant, to avoid cyclonic disturbance to the southward and passed round extreme edge. Unsettled squally weather with rain to arrival. The following are the names of the officers :—

Major and Mrs N E Tizard, R M, Fus
Major and Mrs J Little, Northampton Regt
Major J Deane, The Black Watch
Lieut H C T Dowding, R G A
Lieut H E Reinhold, Indian Army
2nd Lieut P J A Murray, Dorset Regt
2nd Lieut H H Watts Dorset Regt
2nd Lieut A M Champion, Unattached List
2nd Lieut T Reid, Unattached List
2nd Lieut A T G Beckham, Unattached List
2nd Lieut A L F Dane, Unattached List
2nd Lieut G Tomes, Unattached List
2nd Lieut A C Binny, Unattached List
2nd Lieut W M Gryles, Unattached List
2nd Lieut E E Poole, Unattached List
2nd Lieut W H Blood, Unattached List
2nd Lieut A Gwatkin, Unattached List
2nd Lieut R T Jenkins, Unattached List
2nd Lieut R E Toker, Unattached List
2nd Lieut F S Woodhouse, Unattached List
2nd Lieut C C C Lindsay, Unattached List
2nd Lieut W E Elphinston, Unattached List
Lieut C H Turner, R A M C
2nd Lieut R Bany, 15th Hussars
Lieut W Weatherbe R F A
Capt N L S Lysons, K O R Lane
Lieut A E Hudgon, Bl Fus
2nd Lieut F W Coventry, Bl Fus
2nd Lieut R J McLaughlin, Bedford Regt
2nd Lieut P A K Towshend, Bedford Regt
2nd Lieut J Brodie, R Scots Fus
2nd Lieut R H Poyntz, Shrop L I
Capt G B Riddick, R A M C
2nd Lieut L H Morse, Unattached List
2nd Lieut H G Morrell, Unattached List
2nd Lieut G O Hiriz-Smith, Unattached List
2nd Lieut C G Spankie, Unattached List
2nd Lieut H A B Johnson, Unattached List
2nd Lieut H P Curris, Unattached List
2nd Lieut C H Turner, R Warw ck Regt
2nd Lieut H Clarke, Suffolk Regt
Lieut N Eliot, B G A
Capt M B H O Donel, R E
2nd Lieut R D Ramsay, East Lan Regt
2nd Lieut G M Smith, East Lan Regt
2nd Lieut T E Skewes, Cox East Lon Regt
2nd Lieut P D C Eliot, Unattached List
2nd Lieut E A W Lake, Unattached List
2nd Lieut P St L T Price, Unattached List
2nd Lieut W H Clark, Unattached List
2nd Lieut H de N Lucas, Unattached List
Lieut-Col T J O'Donnell, D S O, R A M C
2nd Lieut E J de C Boys, Lincol Regt
2nd Lieut C E Black, Leicester Regt
2nd Lieut A Biddel, Essex Regt
Lieut and Mrs J C J Carmichael, Essex Regt
2nd Lieut C F Simpson, Unattached List
2nd Lieut G B Rayne, Unattached List
2nd Lieut H L Reilly Unattached List
Rev G H Hewett, C of E
Rev F Donelon, R C

BANDRA MUNICIPALITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I shall thank you if you would kindly give me room for few lines in your paper so that the grievances may have redress by the hands of the responsible persons. The Bazar main road was repaired according to my recollection while Mr. Kane was President of the local Municipality, when the road was throughly repaired. About 15 days since the ballast have been placed in heaps alongside of the road which causes great inconvenience and is dangerous to the persons as well as the traffic.

I was surprised to find this week that some ballast was placed along the station road and the work of repair of that road was at once taken in hand in preference to the Bazar Road. The station road did not demand urgent repairs, as the same had been repaired only last year, but there are lots of ditches in the Bazar Road and besides this there is no metal reach to the Khandkis which makes the road narrow for the traffic. I trust the authorities will not allow this to be over looked, but will order commencing the repairs without delay. Only day before yesterday a cart full of load of grain bags narrowly escaped at night from falling from over the metal heap.—Yours, etc.,

A RATE PAYER.

Bandra, October, 19.

THE POONA SEASON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Oct. 18.

WE have still got the last fortnight of September to account for to our readers and we cannot do better than begin with a short description of the very best Ball of the Season, the 93rd Highlanders' Ball. This took place in the Gymkhana Hall on the 18th of September. In the Gymkhana Hall it was, but the room was embellished by the really splendid decorations, to such a degree that it was hardly recognisable for the bare and somewhat comfortless place to which we are all accustomed on ordinary occasions. From the centre of the high ceiling long scarves of the regimental tartan (dark green, with a yellow stripe) were draped across to every corner thereby producing the effect of a huge tartan tent. More tartan was hung in dado-style round the lower parts of the walls of the ball-room, and the lamp niches and alcoves above were filled in with bamboos, green creepers and masses of yellow alamanders, thereby keeping in every detail to the scheme of the regimental colours. This might have looked a little gloomy, had not the whole effect been brightened by the fine old banners which guarded every alcove, and the great stars of claymores which glistened and gleamed with a dazzling brilliance from the walls and from above the stage, which was also decorated with dark green creepers and the beautiful yellow alamandor before mentioned. In the front of the stage chairs were placed for His Excellency the Governor and others of high estate, and behind them stood the Highland gentry in all the glory of full uniform—feather bonnet and all—guarding the Colours of the Regiment and their Drums. The whole flight of steps up to the stage was carpeted with tartan and banked with masses of heather which had been sent out straight from Scotland for the occasion. Not only purple, but white heather was there in profusion, and many were the gallant and tender speeches made as sprays of the magic plant were handed to smiling partners under cover of the noise of the music and dancing or better still, in a shady nook, not too well lighted by the brilliant moon outside! The approaches to the Gymkhana were brilliantly illuminated, large crowns surmounting "93rd" standing out in gleams and jets of light and serving to remind us ever of our gallant hosts of the evening, but the rest of the grounds were not lighted up artificially, but were furnished with comfortable chairs and left to moonlight and romance! The guests, who were received by Colonel and Mrs. Paterson, arrived punctually at half-past nine o'clock, and dancing began vigorously almost at once, in spite of a crowded ball-room. A fine guard-of-honour under Captain Tweedie and the Master of Burleigh (the Hon. R. Bruce) was stationed outside the front porch to receive H. E. the Governor whose arrival, greeted by the music of the pipes, caused a momentary cessation of the gyrations of the dances within. As soon, however, as His Excellency had been received and welcomed by Colonel and Mrs. Paterson and the officers of the 93rd, and had been conducted to the place of honour on the stage, the Colours, with a flourish and swagger worthy even of a "haughty Highlander", were borne up the steps and planted behind him, and dancing began afresh. State Lancers followed a valse or two, and there came the much admired reel. Five sets in all, and most of them composed of really good dancers, the ladies too, whose reel-dancing has been so severely criticised on a former occasion, proving that "practice make perfect" and going through the—to English—difficult and intricate dance with perfect ease and skill. Two more reels were danced during the second half of the evening, but one was considered all that even the most energetic could manage before supper!—Soon after the first reel the welcome call of "the Roast Beef of Old England" resounded through the hall and the guests thronged through the corridor and into the Supper-room—the erstwhile badminton sheds—both of which were entirely draped and covered with the dark green and pale yellow striped tartan colours. The tables, each with a beautiful Regimental Cup for a centrepiece, were decorated with the beautiful Gloriosa Superba which had been specially brought for the purpose all the way from Sin Ghur. And,—important item—the supper was delicious! After supper, more dancing, and again more dancing still. The band and programme were excellent, and the floor—well, we all know how impossible it is "not" to dance on that floor with good music going! So that hosts and guests alike seemed to be indefatigable, and at half past five or even later last goodbyes were said and everyone returned weary, but happy, to their homes, all vowing that never before had there been a better ball given in Poona and very, very seldom such a good one. The hosts, so well-known and liked by all who know them, were unanimously voted "jolly good fellows" and with every right, for seldom has it been our lot to witness greater kindness and geniality and the real Highland hospitality than was shown to one and all by the gallant "Lairds o' Wanowrie!" The costumes of the ladies were many of them charming—Mrs. Paterson's yellow chiffon dress, Mrs. Noyes's electric blue sequin and tulle, and Miss Russell's white brocade dress which was decorated with a design of mauve thistles, in honor, we suppose, of the gallant givers of the Ball were the most striking among many pretty frocks.

Races, as has been said before, have been going on two and three days a week during the whole of September and, indeed, during this month also, almost as much. Thursday the 21st September was celebrated not only by the great annual race for the Governor's Cup, but also by a very big Ladies' Lunch at the Club of Western India. Here again the Bombay Contingent were largely to the fore, but Poona held its own as regards elegance and beauty, as indeed it has done at all the balls and other festivities throughout the season. The Governor's Staff gave a luncheon to over thirty guests among whom were to be seen most of the pretty faces and smart dresses of Poona Society. The Stewards of the Club also gave a luncheon, to H. E. the Governor, and the rest of the long verandah was filled with charmingly decorated tables surrounded by other merry parties who all seemed to appreciate to the full the music, the laughter, the conversation and the dainty and excellent fare provided for their delectation by the Club Members. The grand stand at the Races was crowded so that at first it was quite difficult to single people out and until the first heat of the afternoon died down and the ladies appeared like butterflies on the lawn, we could neither see nor, therefore, worthily describe their toilettes. Some of these when at last seen were so smart and so charmingly suited to their wearers that we could not help wondering if the "Times of India" Correspondent had an attack of aggravated jaundice when he complained so bitterly a short time ago of the personal appearance of the Poona ladies and of their costumes which, we were told to believe, in accordance with everything else, would contrast badly to a startlingly terrible degree with ladies' and all other people and things imaginable and unimaginable in ENGLAND! But let us haste on to a description of a few of these much dispised? toilettes. Of their wearers we dare to say but little, but most of them are sufficiently well-known and admired here and some of them at Home, as well, for them to smile in company with their friends at the ill-humoured remarks of a captious critic!

We will take the two most striking costumes at the Races as our first examples, Mrs. Paterson's gown was a veritable "Creation," composed entirely of pale blue chiffon over which fell a long skirted coat of exquisite lace. She wore a blue chiffon and lace toque to match. Mrs. Meyer wore a beautifully cut palest grey taffetas dress embroidered on bodice and sleeves with tiny pink rosebuds. Her pale grey straw hat was trimmed with blush roses, and she carried a white parasol also embroidered with rose buds, altogether one of the prettiest costumes, we have seen this season.

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THE ROYAL VISIT.

AMENDED PROGRAMME.

THE following is the amended official arrangement as to routes of the Royal processions :—

ROUTES OF THE STATE DRIVES.

The Royal Party on arrival at the Apollo Bunder about 5-30 p.m. on the 9th November drive through Rampart Row, Hornby Road, Carnac Road, (Esplanade Cross Road,) Kalbadevi Road, Bhendi Bazar, Parel Road, Grant Road, Gamdevi Road, Walkeshwar Road, through Lower Gate, Government House.

On the 10th prox., the route to be taken will be as follows :—Starting at 4-30 p.m. from Government House for a drive through the City :—Lower Gate, Government House, Walkeshwar Road, French Road, French Bridge, Girgaum Road, Prince's Road, (late Lohar Street), Cross Road into Picket Road, Carnac Road, (Esplanade Cross Road), Esplanade Road into the People's Fair by the west entrance, and out at the junction of Waudby and Cruickshank Road, opposite the Novelty Theatre, Hornby Road, Carnac Road, Sheikh Memon Street, Mumbadevi Tank Road, Musjid Bunder Road, over Musjid Bunder Bridge into Frere Road, Frere Road, Elphinstone Bridge Road, over Elphinstone Bridge into Chinch Bandar Road, Chinch Bandar Road, Babula Tank Road, Parel Road, New Nagpada Road, Belasis Road, Foras Road, Glider Street, Grant Road, over Frere Bridge, Gowalia Tank Road, Gibbs Road, Ridge Road, through Government House Upper Gate.

ILLUMINATIONS.

The Carriage Route for illuminations on Tuesday, the 14th November, are as follows :—Leaving Kalbadevi Road, Carnac Road, (Esplanade Cross Road), Shaik Memon Street Musjid Bunder Road, Abdul Rehman Street, Hornby Road, Church Gate Street, (going East), Elphinstone Circle, Apollo Street, Apollo Bunder, Stand Road, Ormiston Road, Wellington Lines, Mayo Road, Esplanade Road, Cruickshank Road, Waudby Road, Church Gate Street, (past Post Office), Mayo Road, (to Wellington Fountain), past Elphinstone College, Esplanade Road, Hornby Road, Carnac Road, (Esplanade Cross Road), Girgaum Road, to Portuguese Church and back, to Money School, Kalbadevi Road, to Bapoo Khote Street, Erskine Road, Parel Road to Technical Institute, and back to Kalbadevi Road.

THE BENGAL BOYCOTT.

A REPLY TO THE MANCHESTER RESOLUTION.

THE Secretaries of the Anti-Partition Agitation Committee of Bengal have sent to the Secretary of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, a communication dealing with the Manchester Chamber's declaration that the agitation is unwise and that the boycott should be abandoned. The statement of the Committee says :—

Any expression of opinion coming from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce is entitled to our careful consideration, but the Chamber appears to be ignorant of the circumstances under which the movement in question has been forced upon the Bengalee leaders. We are therefore anxious to remove the misapprehension which seems to prevail at Manchester on the subject.

The proposal to devide Bengal and place the Bengalee-speaking race under two separate administrations evoked widespread and strenuous popular opposition from the moment, it was publicly announced in December, 1903. No less than 50 meetings were held at the beginning of the year 1904, protesting against the partition, and the country was convulsed with an agitation unknown in the history of British connection. And when Lord Curzon went to the Eastern districts the public opposition was intensified rather than allayed by his utterances, and, rightly or wrongly, it was generally believed that the Viceroy wanted not so much to ascertain public opinion as to make it conform to the Government proposals. At Dacca his Excellency decline to receive a deputation that sought permission to wait upon him. In his speech delivered in that city, Lord Curzon foreshadowed a larger scheme of partition than what had hitherto been under discussion, but this scheme, which has now been sanctioned was never authoritatively formulated, and the public concerned was never given the opportunity of discussing it. We regret to have to say that it was conceived in secret and discussed in secret at private conferences of officials, of which the public knew nothing and were allowed to know nothing. Strenuous efforts were made to obtain authentic information from the Government as regards its intentions and recommendations. Questions were repeatedly asked both in the Bengal Legislative as well as in the Supreme Legislative Council with a view to obtain precise information. But all in vain. The answers vouchsafed by the Government of Bengal, as well as the Government of India, were altogether evasive, and served only to mystify the situation and aggravate the public alarm and anxiety. It is no exaggeration of the truth to say that the country was kept completely in the dark, while the Government proceeded steadily and quietly to dismember the first province in the Indian Empire and to break up the unity and integrity of the Bengalee-speaking race.

Even after the publication of the resolution of the Government announcing the partition of Bengal all information on the subject was refused to the public. When questions were asked in the Bengal Legislative Council by the popular representatives, they were either disallowed or the information refused. The truth is that the partition of Bengal is so utterly indefensible that the Government was forced to a policy of secrecy and to the adoption of unconstitutional method unknown to the traditions of the British Empire.

We prayed and protested and sent in memorials and made representations on different occasions, but all in vain. We are impressed with the fact that had the British public, who after all are responsible for the good Government of India taken the smallest interest in the affairs of the Indian Empire, such an unconstitutional method would not have been possible. It was therefore necessary to draw their attention to the unhealthy state of things which the neglect of their responsibilities had produced in India and at the public meeting held at the Town Hall of Calcutta, which was attended by about 20,000 people the following resolution was adopted after a most anxious consideration of the situation :—"That this meeting fully sympathises with the resolution, adopted at many meetings held in the mofussil, to abstain from the purchase of British manufactures so long as the partition resolution is not withdrawn, as a protest against the indifference of the British public in regard to Indian affairs, and the consequent disregard of Indian public opinion by the present Government." Such in brief is the history of what is known here as the Swadeshi movement—the movement for the use of country made in preference to foreign goods.

Appended to the statement are the names : Peary Mohun Mookerjee, Surendranath Baner A. Chaudhuri, Secretaries Anti-Partition Agitation Committee.

PLAGUE INOCULATION IN ADEN.

The following letter dated the 7th October has been received from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, relating to the anti-plague inoculation during the recent epidemic at Aden :—

In forwarding herewith a report on anti-plague inoculation in Aden from December 1904 to March 1905 by Major Prall, I. M. S., Civil Surgeon, Aden I have the honour to submit that I consider it a most valuable and instructive contribution to the testimony which is accumulating regarding the efficacy of the measure, and to recommend that it to be placed upon the Editors' Table with a view to void publicity being to the striking examples quoted.

Having been recently Principle Medical Officer at Aden, I have an intimate knowledge of the various places referred to, and of the circumstances obtaining therein, and am thus in a position to testify to the value of Major Prall's deductions.

I would particularly invite attention to the portions of the report referring to the application of the measure to the convicts in the Aden Special Prison and to the Aden troop, and to the deductions regarding the effect of inoculation upon plague incidence and mortality drawn from the Crater Hospital statistics.

The protection afforded to the convicts appears to have been absolute, the only plague death being that of one prisoner who unfortunately was allowed to remain uninoculated for eleven days after admission, during which it appear certain that he must have contracted infection. As regards the Aden troop at Khormaksar general inoculation was carried out after the plague had prevailed among them for a week 297 in all were inoculated and only 8 attacks with 3 deaths, occurred subsequently (all within the first few days), although dead rats continued to be found in the lines for weeks afterwards. Of 284 plague admissions (with 170 deaths) into the Crater Plague Hospital, 273 (with 163 deaths were amongst uninoculated and only 21 (with 7 deaths amongst inoculated person. These figures not not only indicate the value of inoculation in reducing mortality among those attacked after inoculation, but also that the measure exercises a marked diminution in plague incidence in a locality or community.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Motor Boots.

NEW PARIS FASHION.

AN ANGLO-INDIAN WEDDING.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

For the marriage of Miss Evelyn Skewes-Cox, only daughter of Sir Thomas Skewes-Cox, M.P., of Kingston, with Mr. Eric Mosley-Mayne, 33rd Queen's Own Light Cavalry (Indian Army), eldest son of Major Mosley-Mayne, of Richmond, a large congregation assembled last Saturday in Mathia's Church, Richmond-hill, an unusual feature in the throng being the appearance of a number of Thames watermen in their quaint uniforms and badges, who were drawn up in two ranks at the church entrance. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin and chiffon, draped with old Limerick lace. She was attended by four bridesmaids, and her train was borne by a little page, all of whom were attired in pale-blue. Captain Anderson, Adjutant of the 33rd Light Cavalry, was the best man. Sir T. Skewes-Cox's constituents presented the bride with a mail phaeton.

On Wednesday at the Roman Catholic Church in Warwick-street, Mr. Samuel Sproston, eldest son of Mr. Samuel Sproston, of Sproston Wood, Wrenbury, Cheshire, was married to Miss Mary Annette de Trafford, third daughter of the late Sir Humphrey de Trafford, of Trafford Park, Lancashire, and Lady Annette de Trafford, of Irwell Bank, Eccles, Manchester. The service was conducted by the Right Rev. Monsignor, Ladd, assisted by the Rev. F. Newton. Sir Humphrey de Trafford gave his sister away. She was attired in a graceful gown of white satin, very tastefully trimmed with fine Brussels lace, the gift of Lady Annette de Trafford, who also presented her daughter with a beautiful veil of Brussels lace, which was worn over a wreath of orange blossom. The bride carried a bouquet composed of lilies and white heather. Miss Clare de Trafford, and Miss Agnes Clifford, both nieces of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, and wore very pretty dresses of soft white muslin, daintily trimmed with lace, and finished with blue silk sashes. In place of hats they wore wreaths of forget-me-nots and white tulle veils. They carried baskets filled with pink carnations and tied with pale blue ribbons. The bridegroom presented the bridesmaids with heart-shaped brooches in blue enamel. The Hon. Arthur Bertie was the best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Brown's Hotel, Dover-street, and later the bride and bridegroom left for Ilfracombe, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling costume consisted of a coat and skirt in mauve tweed, and a blouse of white lace. With this she wore a mauve hat, with feathers to match, and a white fox boa and muff.

One hears of a most ingenious invention after the nature of the seven-league boots in the fairy tale. [illegible] wonderful footgear it is said that one can in this way walk many miles an hour, and be as fresh at the end of a day's tramp as the proverbial daisy. If this be so, we have indeed not only arrived at a new era in locomotion, but we have come to a fresh turning-point in our mode of life. Why, for example, need any of us live in town when we can cover a distance of thirty miles without feeling a penny the worse, and without the bother of putting up a motor-car and bringing a chauffeur in our train? Again, if we feel like a stroll, we can just trot off to Brighton, have tea at the Metropole, and be back in time to dress for dinner. We can run completely round the park half a dozen times or more before breakfast, by way of a constitutional, and be wholly indifferent, where country houses are concerned, whether they are three or six miles from the station and the nearest chemist. We are assured that there is no need to urge on one's wild career at a certain rate per hour; one can walk fast or slow, stop and go on at will; and should one motor-boot fail it will be quite possible to go on comfortably on one foot. It certainly sounds very fascinating, but one only hopes, if this is to be a means of locomotion, that it will not tend to further increase the size of our feet, which are already at least a couple of sizes larger than were the pedal extremities of our grandmothers; for if we go on further enlarging our hands and feet at this rate, the time must come when we shall have to use them like the wings of birds, and flap ourselves by their means through the air.

We are a generation behindhand, declares an American journal, in the way we set forth our shop-windows in London. We can well retort that at least we do not claim to be in the forefront of everything, whereas our Transatlantic friends never admit that they are second to anybody. We, with more modesty, are generally ready to give the highest praise to all other nations for ingenuity, taste, enterprise, vivacity, and so on. With us, over there is always better than over here, and we are not even reluctant to admit that the American, French, and Viennese shopkeepers understand the art of setting forth their wares more attractively than those of our own country. Yet, withal, the American loves to come a-shopping in London. Somehow we do manage to attract our kin beyond sea into our principal establishments, and if the windows do not tempt them, what it is that induces them to enter? Of course, in thoroughfares where masses are catered for, the bravest show is always made in London. There are the shops most dazzlingly illumined, there is everything set forth to catch the eye quickly; but English folk of higher social rank seem perfectly content to know with whom they are dealing, and to wait till they get inside to be tempted. Have not some of the finest gems that deck our fairest women been bought in what outwardly would seem to be shops with very little in them? And do the best gowns emanate from the establishments with the largest plate-glass windows? In this matter I think we are best advised to preserve our national characteristics. Where the English trader finds the methods of other nations advisable he adopts them.

In the matter of fashions the season of autumn is a particularly interesting one; and, therefore, for some time past feminine curiosity and impatience have exercised themselves over the coming novelties. The costumiers, however, have refused to reveal their secrets before the opportune moment, and thus all curiosity is condemned to remain unsatisfied. They have chosen a date for displaying their creations, and guard them jealously lest they should be robbed of their bloom. The concurrence is the immediate explanation of such reserve. No one wishes to say what style had taken his fancy, what materials or what colours he had adopted, for fear of being immediately imitated or out-distanced; and one must have recourse to various little intrigues in order to ascertain that the Empire style has been adopted by one, that the falling sleeve no longer finds favour with another, while a third is preparing to exhibit skirts made for a crinoline.

Of all the creation of great costumiers, those of Paquin are the ones most impatiently awaited. With a boldness amounting to rashness, this great leader does not hesitate to revolutionise the mode if it seems to him good. He is a despot, and his decrees meet with no resistance, but rather with unanimous approval. This year he has taken his inspirations from the Empire and Directors styles. His modern taste, so pure and Parisian, combined with these two epochs, has produced some fascinating things. To begin with a gown for general wear in green almond cloth. The corsage, ornamented with large almond buttons, falls loosely over a vest of white embroidered cloth, this vests, in its turn, opens over a small yoke, finished with a collar of Irish lace and a tie of sky blue. The sleeve, which is short and very full, terminates in a narrow frill of Irish lace at the elbow. The skirt is plain and very wide at the bottom. The second gown, in laurel-green taffetas is smarter. The skirt is trimmed with bands of velvet, and the bodice, very short and full, with a deep belt of draped taffetas and velvet of the same greentone, opensover a vest, also of velvet, which in its turn reveals an inner chemisette in old rose, with a collar of the same shade in taffetas. The bottom of the sleeves displays a little loosely falling chiffon and lace, and a very deep gold buckle fastens the belt behind and gives decision to the Directoire style.

THE POONA SEASON.

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There were many other charming frocks, but we have only space to mention a few, of which perhaps Mrs. Mitchell's violet-coloured muslin and tulle dress and toque, and Mrs. Hale's pale blue gown worn with a lovely old lace scarf and surmounted by a most becoming pale blue feather hat, were the smartest. Mrs. Wodehouse in a pale grey dress trimmed with green embroidery; Mrs. Bowles in cream lace and a scarlet poppy hat; Mrs. Wolfe-Murray in soft green muslin and a straw hat trimmed with broad green ribbon and wonderful, natural-looking green gooseberries; and Mrs. Giles in a biscuit-coloured voile gown trimmed with crimson Oriental embroidery, also looked well.

His Excellency the Governor gave his last big Ball of the season at Government House on Friday, the 22nd of September. This was well attended and as much enjoyed as usual by all those who were fortunate enough to be invited, though perhaps dancing was not quite so vigorous as heretofore owing to the warmth of the evening. Sitting out, however in the lovely flower scented grounds of Ganesh, Khind, with romance in their hearts, music in their ears and a glowing starlit heaven overhead, was perhaps just as much appreciated by many a Romeo and Juliet as well as by older and perhaps more prosaic couples! Real dancers, nevertheless, were still enthusiastic and the indefatigable "93rd" and their partners with the help of half a dozen other keen Scotsmen and exponents of the art of reel-dancing, managed to get up two sets for a reel in the middle of the evening and put in a very creditable amount of energy and skill into the performance.

The innovation of "No Programmes" at Government House dances caused many groans of disappointment from those whose iniquitous habit it has been to book dances beforehand throughout the season. But looks of malicious joy were to be seen on the faces of those gallant gentlemen whose programmes, either through chance or their own laziness, happened to have been empty on many previous occasions and who now saw an opportunity of getting as many dances as the most gilded of all fortune's favourites! Discussion was rife as to whether the Ball was spoilt or rendered more successful than usual by such an unheard of innovation in Poona! We believe the decision of the jeunesse doree present was that it might be successful if it was a rule adhered to for any length of time, but that at present it made no difference as most of "these fellows," the ladies' favourites, "had anyhow written out their dances on their cuffs"! What could be done against the determination of such obstinate knaves!

There were a good many pretty frocks on view on the evening of the 22nd, Mrs. Meyer, the wife of the American Consul in Bombay, having perhaps the handsomest gown—one of deep orange colour almost covered with very beautiful old lace. Almost equally lovely in its way was the white satin dress embroidered down the front with Iceland poppies in two shades of yellow, worn by another Mrs. Meyer, also a Bombay lady. And a dress which attracted much admiration was one composed entirely of black sequins and net, the sequins being sewn so closely together as to give almost an armour-like appearance to the close-fitting, shining robe worn by Mrs. Salkeld. Mrs. Noyes wore a very smart scarlet sequin and tulle gown, and Mrs. Mitchell looked well in a crimson chiffon creation. Mrs. DuBoulay's blue silk dress trimmed with fine lace was also much admired.

More Races on the afternoon of the 23rd, and in the evening a popular and successful Cafe Chantant was given by the talented amateurs of Poona in aid of the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds, which Sporting Society, it appears, was in need of additional funds to keep it going. Some of the items on the programme were really exceptionally good and nearly all of them were well and sensibly selected to suit the type of entertainment at which they were performed. As there were fifteen items on the programme we can hardly attempt to describe them all, but some of them were so good that we cannot pass them over.

For the more seriously minded and for lovers of music, Signor Molini's charming and artistic singing of "Non e Ver," and "Alla Stella Confidente" the latter song with a violin obligato by Major Cleveland was undoubtedly the most enjoyable part of the programme. We have seldom, if ever, heard such good singing in Poona, and Signor Molini's delightful mellow voice was eminently fitted to the charming Italian songs, which he sang and which were highly appreciated and encored by the whole audience. In opposition to this serious element in the performance there were amusing recitations and several capital comic song, of which two character songs by Mr. Tylor and a Song and Dance from the "Gay Parisienne" by Mrs. Burrows and Captain Melvill were the best. Captain Melvill, in his impersonation of the gay Frenchman, showed himself to be a most finished and amusing actor and his dancing was really delightful. Dancing was the strong point of the entertainment; an unusual thing this, in an amateur programme. Miss Williamson charmed us all with her skirt-dancing which, under the everchanging colours of Mr. Stewart's lime-light, looked really beautiful and fascinated all beholders. But perhaps the best dancing of all was seen in the "Hunt Cake Walk" performed by Mr. R. W. Bruce and Lance-Corporal Burns. This was really a remarkably clever performance, many of the steps, particularly those danced by Mr. Bruce, being so difficult and complicated that one would not have thought it possible for any amateur to compass the difficulties of learning them. An interesting item on the programme was the Fencing Display given by Miss P. Richardson and Sergeant Major Chiune. The Sergeant-Major is well known as a skillful, manipulator of the foils, but Miss Richardson's fencing appeared to be quite equal to his, and her quickness and graceful agility surprised the admiration of all who saw her.

Another very fine performance was the Gymnastic Display given by the Gymnasium Instructors and some of the members of the Class. And the programme began and ended with music from a small Banjo Band of which Miss Down and Miss Foard, and Messrs. Andy, Anderson, Dymers and MacLaughlin were the members. Altogether, as may be seen, the Cafe Chantant was a great success. The audience was a larger one than is usual at entertainments of the kind, owing not only to the fact that Poona was full of Racing people at that time particularly, but also to the popularity of the object for which the entertainment had been got up. Real trouble must have been taken and hard work done by more than one person to ensure the smooth running of a performance on such a large scale, and we feel sure that every one enjoyed themselves, more especially, perhaps, the smart young waiters and waitresses, the former looking cool and immaculate in white and the latter looking truly charming in "Hunt" costumes of scarlet and white with large black velvet bows in their hair.

The Horse Show on the 25th and 26th September was the next excitement which offered to those socially as well as horsily inclined. Colonel Carey and the officers of the East Lancashire Regiment were "at Home" on both days and dispensed hospitality in the shape of a very good tea to a large number of people. Both afternoons were fairly crowded with spectators and many of the animals shown were remarkably fine. An amusing event in the shape of a show of "Children's mounts" took place at the close of the second afternoon, each child of course receiving a prize eventually for his or her gallant steed! A quite astonishing number of children appeared to compete. Boys and girls of all ages from two to ten were to be seen seated firmly on their small ponies, or donkey as the case might be, careering at a great pace round and round the ring, anxiously watched by fond parents whose secret terror probably was that one particular rider might at any moment tumble off! This dire mishap however never occurred and the little sportsmen and women, having received their prizes, went home with perhaps rather flushed and tired faces, but with very happy hearts!

Wednesday, the 27th September, was another full day beginning at 7-30 a.m., with the first round of the Poona Open Polo Tournament, played off between the 10th Hussars and a scratch team of the 12th Lancers, who, under the name of the Free Lances, played a very good game against the redoubtable "Tenth", the latter team however winning by seven goals and four subsidiaries to the Free Lances' four goals and four subsidiaries. The last day of the Poona big Race-Meeting took place in the afternoon and was very well attended. And the evening wound up with a Cinderella-dance at the Gymkhana. This was to have been a fancy dress dance, but dwindled eventually, owing to the scarcity of names entered beforehand for the entertainment, into a very tame affair, only about a dozen people turning up in fancy costume, and the twenty or thirty others who appeared wore plain clothes and a dull and sober look contrasting greatly with the beaming aspect of Shumsudin Shah's party who appeared to very much enjoy themselves in a somewhat unexpectedly uproarious set of Lancers at the beginning of the evening!

On the 28th and 29th September, the more than usually large and successful Flower-Show was held in the Empress Gardens. Many were the prizes offered to keen gardeners by both European and Native gentlemen. The competition was keen and some very beautiful flowers and shrubs were shown. Some of the table-decorations too were pretty, the efforts of the native butlers and malis running those of their English Mem Sahib's very close.

The semi-finals of the Polo Tournament were played off on the afternoon of the 29th, with the result of a victory to the 10th Hussars over the 33rd Bombay Cavalry, and to the Scouts, a good scratch team got together by Captain H. Guest consisting of himself, Colonel DeLisle, Mr. Barrett and Mr. John Kennedy, over the Poona Horse. And on Saturday, September 30th, another day's racing, (a small meeting) brought the much talked of gay month of September to an end.

Fine weather and a far better health-roll than usual have helped to make what is always an enjoyable and amusing time of year in Poona, a brilliant and successful last month of the Poona season of 1905.

BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. W. T. Morison, I. C. S. Commissioner in Sind, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for one year and three months with effect from the 17th November, or the subsequent date on which he may be relieved.

Mr. R. C. Brown, I. C. S., on return to duty to be Political Agent, Rewa Kantha.

Captain C. H. Alexander, 36th Jacob's Horse, to be Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad, in addition to his Military duties, vice Lieutenant H. M. Davidson.

Captain Alexander is also appointed to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Upper Sind Frontier District, and will exercise the powers with which he is invested within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Jacobabad.

Captain M. T. Elderton, 108th Infantry, to be Cantonment Magistrate at Deesa, in addition to his Military duties, vice Major A. H. Bolton.

Captain Elderton is also appointed to be a Magistrate of the First Class within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Deesa.

The following substantive "pro tem" appointment is made in the Court of Small Causes, Bombay, vice Mr. C. W. Chitty, B.A. (Cantab.), Bar.-at-Law, on deputation, or pending further orders. Mr. A. K. Donald, Bar.-at-Law, to be Second Judge.

The following promotions are made:—Mr. R. P. Barrow, I. C. S., to be Senior Collector up to the date of joining as Secretary to Government, Revenue and Financial Departments. Mr. R. C. Brown, I.C.S., to be Junior Collector vice Mr. R. P. Barrow, promoted, Mr. G. Carmichael, I. C. S., to be Senior Collector, and Mr. R. E. Enthoven, I.C.S. to be Junior Collector vice Mr. G Carmichael, promoted.

Mr. R. C. Brown I. C. S., on return to duty, to be Collector of the Panch Mahals and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Panch Mahals District.

Mr. J. N. Fraser, M. A., is appointed to be Principal, Training College for Teachers in Secondary Schools, Bombay, with effect from the 26th September.

CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION.

Before Mr. Dracup, at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, Randevi woman, wife of Lakha Ramji, charged her husband with criminal intimidation, on the 3rd instant. Mr. F. P. J. Taleyarkhan, barrister-at-law appeared for the woman; and Mr. Balubhai Desai, pleader, defended the accused. The case for the prosecution was that accused went to the complainant's house in the evening, and had an altercation there with her brother, Bhagvan Desa, whom he assaulted. He was convicted for that, and fined Rs. 10. Witnesses for the prosecution in that case, who were practically the witnesses in this case, deposed that when the accused was leaving the premises after assaulting Bhagwan, he threatened Randevi in these words, "you have managed to escape this time; but remember, the next time you come within my reach, I will either cut your nose, or kill you outright." On these words, the present action was instituted. Accused was convicted on the evidence and fined Rs. 10. Mr. Taleyarkhan urged that this was a fit case in which the accused, who had been fined twice, should be bound over to keep the peace. After hearing the parties, the Magistrate ordered that the accused should be bound over in the sum of Rs. 100 to keep the peace for one year.

There was a cross-charge preferred by Lakha, the accused in the above case, against Kala Parshotam, Randevi, Bhagvan Desa, and Vejlabai woman. All the parties belonged to the "Sonar" or the goldsmith caste, and the charge against Kala was remarrying a married woman Randevi during the life-time of her husband; against Randevi of contracting a bigamous marriage while her husband Lakha was still living; and against the remaining two accused of assisting and abetting both in this illegal transaction. The Magistrate held that it would be dangerous to infer that a marriage had been contracted. Preparations had been made, no doubt; but no case seemed to have been made out. The notice to show cause issued against the accused was discharged, and the defendants were acquitted.

LIGHT AND AIR SUIT.

At the Bombay High Court, on Wednesday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, Mr. T. J. Strangman, instructed by Messrs. Malvi, Hajalal, Modi and Randhoddas mentioned a suit instituted by his client, Karsandas Hirji, proprietor of certain premises in New Hanuman Lane, against his neighbour, Bhagwandas Hemraj, who is erecting new premises in his vicinity and applied for a rule 'nisi' calling upon the defendant to show cause why he should not be restrained from proceeding with the work. Counsel also applied for interim injunction to prevent the defendant at once from going on with the work until the hearing of the rule. Mr. M. R. Jardine, who was instructed by Messrs. Daftari, Ferreira and Dawan, for the defendant, opposed the application on the ground of insufficient notice. Four clear days' notice was required, and here the notice given to them was only ten minutes before the application was made in Court. Plaintiff was cognizant of the defendant's activity since the 25th September. Mr. Strangman said his client's building had already been ruined, as regarded light and air, by the building the defendant was putting up. If the defendant was allowed more time he would push on with the work, and finish it. As it was, taking advantage of the High Court vacation, when it was often somewhat difficult to obtain a rule, defendant had employed a number of workmen by day and by night, and had carried to a great height the wall to the west, letting alone the other walls. Counsel read the affidavits in support of his application, also some correspondence. The Judge issued the rule and the interim injunction.

HANDED OVER TO TRUSTEES.

At the Bombay High Court, on Wednesday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, Mr. M. R. Jardine instructed by Messrs. Tyebji Dayabhai and Co., mentioned the suit of Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., paper manufacturers vs. Bai Jankibai, widow of the late Gangabishnu Shriktishnadas proprietor of a large printing press factory in Kalyan, Mr. Jardine said for the defendant that the matter had been referred to the Commissioner for taking the administration account. By the terms of the consent-decree, to which all the creditors had assented, Mr. N. C. Macleod was to be discharged from the receivership; the suit was to be dismissed; and the concern was to be managed under the supervision of the trustees from Dewali Day, which would fall on the 27th instant and which, according to the native superstition, was likely to affect prosperously the financial results of the concern Mr. T. J. Strangman, instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co., who appeared for the plaintiffs consented to the passing of the proposed decree. The Judge passed an order in terms of the consent-decree signed by counsel on both sides and handed in Court; but he made it subject to the affirming of an engrossed affidavit by Mr. Khemraj Shrikrishnadas, brother of the deceased, who is proprietor of another large printing concern in Bombay.

NAPOLEON AND NELSON.

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In the interval Villeneuve had been driven back to port by the injury done to the spars of some of his ships in a gale, but if Nelson had foreseen this he would presumably not have gone hundreds of miles away, but would have taken care to be as near as possible to the Frenchman's route back to Toulon, to take advantage of his distress. The incident illustrated most effectually the weakness of Nelson's avowed policy of not blockading Toulon, but of keeping at a distance in order to encourage the enemy to come out. He did not consider, in Captain Whitby's opinion, the extreme probability that when they did come they would not be brought to action. The rush to Egypt did undoubtedly confirm Napoleon in his belief that however good a fighter of battles Nelson might be his judgment was not of a high order. He was more convinced than ever that it was not very hard to make the English Admiral prendre le change go off on a 'false scent.' When at last Villeneuve did get away finally at the end of March, Napoleon expresses himself in a letter to Decres, written on April 20, 1805, that the English Admiral will be taken in again, and he instructs his reptile press to spread false stories of expeditions of 10,000 men to Egypt.

The correspondence of Napoleon, which is nowhere dull is for us if not for allmen of extraordinary interest in the brief interval between the sailing of Villeneuve from Toulon and his departure from Ferrol for Cadiz. The figure of Napoleon rushing through Southern France and Northern Italy, taking the crown and regulating all things even down to the police measures to be taken to suppress little groups of obscure fanatics, and yet never for a moment forgetting the squadrons which were to converge in the Channel and protect the passage of the army at Boulogne, is of dramatic and sinister grandeur. In the endless calculations he threw on paper, often at the end of a day's work which would have prostrated all other men, Nelson's name has frequently a place, though not by any means the prominent one which we, looking through the blaze of Trafalgar as we needs must, naturally expect. Nelson, Collingwood, and Cochrane are mentioned by him as very much on a level. He takes it for granted that the Admiral will act with energy, but he did the English navy the justice to think so much of nearly all its officers. In fact, he sometimes expects greater rapidity of movement from him than he was able to attain. Thus he calculated that Nelson would be at Gibraltar between April 30 and May 2 in pursuit of Villeneuve. The actual date was May 6.

The question whether it would not have been as well or better if Nelson instead of following Villeneuve to the West Indies had fallen back on England, as Napoleon at first expected he would is not without interest. We may sure that if he and not Calder had been cruising off Ferrol, when the French fleet returned, the ensuing battle would not have deserved the contemptuous description of 'half begotten' given to it by Lord Minto. We are not at present concerned with the might-have beens of the case, but with Napoleon's observations on Nelson. At this moment, when his faculties were concentrated on the calculation of chances (in the intervals of attending to innumerable other things, military, political, and civil it is to be noted that the Emperor habitually underrated the energy of the English Admiral. When, on June 28, he tells Decres that Nelson is reported to have gone to America, he adds that he will not have gone before June 13. The real date was the 11th. Napoleon was certain that Nelson and Collingwood had lost four or five days conferring at Lagos. But Nelson reached Lagos on the 9th and left in forty-eight hours later. His miscalculations are made on this scale all through. Strangely enough he seems to have taken the activity of his own fleet, for which he had a considerable contempt, as the standard. As regards them he was generally right. For instance, he calculated that Villeneuve would be back off Ferrol between July 19 and 30, and as a matter of fact the action with Calder took place on the 22nd. If Nelson's rate of speed had been as Villeneuve's, Napoleon would have been right, in his calculation that the English squadron could not be back in European waters till an appreciable interval of time after the French were on the scene of operations. But Nelson did not act as the Emperor expected, and was back at Gibraltar by July 19, three days before Villeneuve met Calder. Napoleon's contempt for his opponents, which did much to bring about his ruin in the end, goes far to account for his error, and in this case it was not, as it was in so many others, founded on a correct estimate of their capacity. The contrast between 'the picture the Emperor made for himself,' to use a phrase of his own, and the facts is glaring. In the long despatch of June 28 already quoted, he gives this version of what must have happened with the serene air of superhuman insight very common with him: "Finally, the aim of Villeneuve is so difficult to divine that even Nelson [the even is a most exceptional compliment] when provisioning his ships at Barbadoes, will not think he is committing so gross a fault as he will, by losing three or four days, since Villeneuve as is not all ackable in the anchorage of Martinique. I count Villeneuve as having left on his return to Ferrol between the 6th June and the 19th, before Nelson can appear. I will hasten my arrival [from Italy] by some days, because I think that the appearance of Nelson in America may stimulate Villeneuve to leave for Ferrol. Nelson, with ten vessels only, will not appear before Martinique. He will stop some days, at barbadoes to think out his junction with Cochran."

Mr. Rigby was never more completely wrong. Nelson left Lagos on May 11, was at Carlisle Bay in Barbadoes on June 4, embarked troops, and left on the 5th; was off Tobago on the 6th, at Trinidad on the 7th, sailed next day and was at Grenada on the 9th; he was off Guadalupe on the 11th, on the 12th, he reached Antigua, landed the troops and sailed on the 13th, and by July 19th had reached Gibraltar. If he had steered for Finisterre he would assuredly, have headed Villeneuve, and with the help of Calders ships would have made an end there and then of the grand invasion scheme. Why he did not do so and whether by concluding that the French might be going to the Mediterranean he did not underrate Napoleon as much as Napoleon underrated him, are questions for the Admiral's biographers. To me it seems that he had made much the same mistake as he had made in January when he went on a useless errand to Egypt. All the signs pointed to an attempted concentration in the Channel to cover an invasion of England. Villeneuve's squadron would have been useless for the purpose in the Mediterranean. His own squadron might have been of priceless value in the Bay and the Channel.

With the return of Villeneuve to the waters of Europe, and his poor-spirited decision to make for Cadiz, Nelson disappears out of Napoleon's attention. The great invasion scheme was deprived of whatever dubious chance of success it had. Villeneuve earned, and very justly, the undying contempt of his master, who from that time forward built line-of-battle ships for no other purpose than to compel the English to maintain blockading squadrons. It does not appear that he looked upon Nelson as having contributed in any material degree to the failure. Trafalgar came when the invasion had been given up, and the troops at Boulogne had marched to Germany. To us it was a crowning mercy and the confirmation of our superiority. To Napoleon it was a last battle which did not even attain to being an incident in a campaign. It was brought on by the wounded vanity of Villeneuve when he heard from Decres that Rosily was coming to supersede him, and fought for no same purpose. Napoleon kept silence and imposed silence about it. Wrath against his own Admiral, who had first disobeyed orders and had then thrown away a fleet, was seemingly the only sentiment left in him by the whole story. If he had been asked whether he had baffled by Nelson he would undoubtedly have replied 'No.'

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RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The Russian and Persian Governments are discussing a plan for the improvement of the communications between Northern Persia and the Russian possessions in Central Asia. A party of Russian engineers will leave in November, to survey the Russo-Persian frontier with this object.

The "Times" is requested by the Persian Legation to state that there is no truth whatever in the intelligence which appeared in some of the papers on Sept. 5 stating that in consequence of the Shah's visit to St. Petersburg a commercial treaty was to be made between Persia and Russia. The rumour current in St. Petersburg and reported in the 'Times" of the 5th inst. that the Shah's visit was connected with a Persian loan is also absolutely without foundation.

A correspondent writes in the "Times":—A pamphlet was for sale some three years ago at the Government Topographical Department in St. Petersburg, entitled "Railways across Persia." It contained a map on which are shown two lines eventually to be constructed. One of these is that from Kara-Kliss, a station midway between Tiflis and Erivan, which was then the terminus of the line, to Tabriz Teheran, Shahrud and Meshed. The mileage, cost, and names of stations, were all laid down in this interesting, if not absolutely official, paper. The first two great stations on the way to Tabriz were Erivan and Julfa. This last place is on the Russo-Persian frontier, in sight of the lesser Ararat. At this moment trains run from Tiflis to Erivan in some 18 or 20 hours. By next year the line to Julfa, only 35 miles further on, will be completed. From this town, which is close to Nakhitchevan in Russian territory, there is a fairly good carriage road to Tabriz. The manner of its construction was curious. The Russian Government, when it lent a few millions to the Shah for his first journey to Contrexeville, stipulated for the construction of this road by Persian labour within a given period. If by the specified date it should not be completed, the contract was to pass into the hands of a Russian firm. Nothing was simpler or more above board. The agreement was in writing, the time allowed for the work ample. But nothing was more certain, to those who knew their Persia, than that on the specified date the road would be still unfinished. So, as foreseen, the contract passed into Russian hands, and the road is, I am told, a fairly good one for the country. Thus the railway from Kara-Kliss to Tabriz, Teheran, and Meshed is in somewhat more than an incipient stage for the first 100 miles of it are open to traffic and 35 more will be finished this year. At present the Shah stand pledged to Russia not to permit any railways to be built within his dominions. But how long it may suit Russia to uphold, or other Powers to respect, this agreement it is not very easy to say.

The object of running a line to Meshed is plain enough. It is a milestone either to Herat or towards the south of Persia. Russia has for some years considered the possibility of reaching the Persian Gulf, or the Mekrani coast, by a railway passing through Seistan from Meshed.

Of course before Russia can pass this way the coast must be clear, and the inhabitants prepared by bounty fed goods to receive her wares. The mission of Major MacMahon to Seistan was not at all to her taste. It is to be hoped that Russian ambitions will not force her to seek an outlet at Minab or Shabbar on the Indian Ocean, though the latter place has a tempting bay for fleets that love shelter. But it is a curious answer to those who declare that Russia has no intention of constructing railways in Persia that her own people should published a plan of one from Kara-Kliss to Meshed. What it more interesting still is that the first 130 miles of that railway have already been constructed, Araras now looks down on the steam horse, puffing between Erivan and Julfa.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22 ('Reuter") The following telegram has been received here from Teheran:—

"The Persian Press states that the frontier delimitation carried out by the British Commission unfairly awards to Afghanistan a considerable portion of Persian Seistan. The Ameer has already formed this region into a special district with the capital at Farooh. The commission likewise wrongfully took from Persia two-thirds of the Helmund lake, in consequence of which there is a danger that the Persian portion of Seistan may be turned into a desert." The Press calls upon the Shah not to ratify the proctocal of the boundary commission.

With regard to the above statement, a "Reuter" telegram is published this morning from Tehran (Sept. 28), which explains:—It is pointed out here that it is absolutely necessary to distinguish between the Persian Press and Persian newspapers published abroad. The articles criticising the award referred to in the telegram published in St. Petersburg appeard on July 17 and July 24 in the "Habial Mateen," a Persian newspaper published in Calcutta. This journal has several times been prohibited in Persia. The Persian Press has maintained silence on the subject of the award.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24 ('Reuter').—Troops from the military districts of Odessa and Kieff are about to be despatched to Turkestan. The excitement among the Mahomedan population is growing and the Russian authorities are taking precautions. Ashkabad is being patrolled by armed Cossacks.

Odessa, Sept. 22 (Standard).—I learn from a military informant that 70,000 troops altogether are proceeding to the Caucasus. After order has been restored there, this force, it is said, will be drafted to Central Asian garrisons.

POONA RACES.

ELEVENTH EXTRA MEETING SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

HANDICAP.

The Lingfield Plate.—7 furlongs. Chassepot 10-7, Royalist 9 12, Harpest 9 2, Blue Blood 8 10, Threelance 8 8, Madeira 8 3, Dan bell 8 0. Resident 7 10, Rushbrooke 6 7, Cleo 6 3.

Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 3lb.

The Adelaide Plate.—5 furlongs. S P. 9 12, Gunmetal 9 7, Comeback 8 13. Haydn 8 8, Ceres 8 5 Judy 8 4, Koko 7 6, Solace 7 1, Olga 6 12, Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 3lb.

The Khandalla Plate.—5 furlongs. Rose 10 1, Hermit 9 10. Whiteface 9 2. Farewell 9, Little Joker 8 12, Settler 8 6, Clever Boy 8 3, Napoleon 8 1. Sc Gris 8, Sabig 7 10, Darby 7 8, Sherkali 7 6, Howsthat 7 5 Melabar 7 3, Jamrood 6 12, Victor Wild 6 10, Mumbra 6 2, Nonplus 6 Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 5lb.

The 1st Nursery Plate.—6 furlongs. Horsak 9 11, Ajax 9 3, Naita While 8 11, Osborn 8 5 Dayar 8 2, Darby 7 13, Sherall 7 12, Tendale 7, Steel 6 11, Court Martial 6 7, Secretary 6 4 Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 3lb.

The 2nd Nursery Plate.—6 furlongs. Ashroff 9 11 Mardin 9 3, Karadeu 8 11, Thunderstorm 8 6, Bookhit 8 5 Coger 8 3, Practical 8, Peniard 7 5, Mumbra 7 6, Witness 7, Nonplus 6-30 Zinfandel 6 4, Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 8lb.

Arab Consolation Plate.—1 mile. Skylart 9 12. False Start 9 Moorked 8 11, Faithful 8 6, Arabistan 8 4, Mukhool 8 2, Pecuber 8 2, Ashroff 8 1, Bendigo 7 12, Little Joker 7 10. Arabian Flag 7 2, Misbali 7 2, My Mistake 7 1, Smasher 6 9, Cheragh 6 6 Gold 6 3 Top weight not accepting to be raised 4lb.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE A. D. C. COMMANDING.

Bombay, October 20 1905.

1 The Inspector-General of Volunteers in India will inspect the Corps to-day (Friday) the 20th instant, parade Church Gate Station 6-45 a.m. Dress.—Drill order, Khaki.

By Order,
H. E. L. PROCTOR
Acting Adjutant B. L. H

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. BUSSELL, COMMANDING R. V. A.

Bombay, October 20 1905.

Inspections.

The Inspector-General of Volunteers will inspect the Corps (including E E Coy) at the Town Hall compound to-day at p m

Dress—Khaki, F S Caps and Puttics.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. B. A.
Adjt. B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FEBBERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, October 20 1905.

1 The Inspector-General of Volunteers will inspect the Cadets at the various schools on Saturday the 21st Instant at the following hours:—

Cathedral High School at 6 a m
Indo British Institution at 7-10 a m
St Mary's College at 8 a m
Byculla School at 9-10 a m

2 Arms and Equipment are now being issued to Members at Head-Quarters on every week day between the hours of 6-30 a m and 7 p m. Members are requested to apply as early as possible.

3 The following members having joined are taken on the strength Corps from this date and posted to "E" (Cyclist Company —

No 6055 Cyclist W R Mnyphy and No 6051 Cyclist A Williams

4 The following promotions will take effect in "I" Company, from this date:—

No 5426 Lce Corpl S D'Gama to be Sergt vice Frdo resigned
No 5423 Cadet G Hildreth to be Lce Sergt vice J V Hildr th resigned
No 5914 Cadet F Danagher to be Corpl vice Stevenson resigned
No 5660 Cadet R Perry to be Corpl vice Garrick resianed
No 5789 Cadet P Savage to be Lce Corpl vice D'silva resigned
No 5665 Cadet G Convers to be Lce Corpl vice D'Gama promoted.

5. Members are request to return their Khaki coats to head quarters as soon as possible for alteration to new pattern

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M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM.

JOHN RUSKIN might have visited the theatre frequently if it had not been that this institution depended for its very existence upon a subject he grew to despise—the subject of the young heart's emotions. The great man expressed himself as heartily sick of the Romeos and Juliets of the modern stage, and deeply deplored that kink in the dramatists which held their pens from describing a romance of elderly love. The heart-struggles of the typical hero and heroine of drama were like railways to his soul—especially those railways which cut through the country where he lived; and it is awful to think what the philosopher might have been guilty of if he had been dragged along by a friend to see "The Railroad of Love"—which, I believe, was running during his lifetime! Perhaps, though, the art of Ada Rehan, who was the heroine of that comedy, would have prevented bloodshed.

If Ruskin were alive to-day he would find himself met half-way in this matter of stage romance by Mr. Ernest Hendrie's play of Dick Hope at the St. James's. His heart would not be wholly cheered by seeing in Mrs. Kendal's Marjorie Lyall and Mr. Kendal's Major Richard Hope a lovesick Joan and a lovesick Darby but he would rejoice to find Marjorie and Dick quite frankly and openly middle aged, and his shrewd estimation, as a philosopher, of the power of the thin end of the wedge would bring him into touch with a fair promise for the future even as the motorcar might whisper to him (if motor-cars can whisper) of the ultimate extinction of the Railway locomotive. In Ruskin's case the railway locomotive would not have been to the motor-car as the frying-pan to the fire, for it may be remembered that he had a very great hatred for signal-posts and railway stations as well as engines notwithstanding that he did subpœna to his side in the historical action of Whistler v Ruskin Frith, the painter of The Railway Station!

It is not alone to her wondrous stage art that Mrs. Kendal owes her ability to interest playgoers with the love story of the middle-aged spinster. That art would not be what it is—or it would not attract at it has attracted—if it were exercised by a middle-aged actress made up to look (if that were possible) "sweet seventeen." It is because Mrs. Kendal's middle-age off the stage, as well as on it, is of the undyed and unpowdery sort that her heroines are so interesting and so convincing. They succeed because they are not arrested in their appeal to us by the distracting external struggle of the perruquier and the dresser to make the body seem as young as the heart. In a word, there's no nonsense about Mrs. Kendal. She would tell you herself what her age was to an hour, and take an amused delight in doing so, if it pleased you to know. She is too great a humorist to attempt the Juliets of the modern stage, and too great an artist to dream that youth can be made out of gamboge wigs. And so she comes before us as Marjorie Lyall, a wholly sympathetic, delightful, and natural being, with all her unspoiled homeliness of manner and inward art unchoked and unimprisoned by external artifice. Very, very welcom indeed are the actress and her art at St. James's and long and successfull should be her season there.

It is a curious thing that Mrs. Kendal, who has been away from central London for so long, should visit her old home, the St. James's Theatre, at the very time that her older house, the Dusthole, off Tottenham Court Road should under the name of the Scala and rebuilt out of all recognition be engaging such a deal of public attention. This talk of Forbes Robertson as the Conqueror at the converted and glorified "Dusthole, must remind the actress very keenly of the time when there was another conqueror of the name of Robertson. There her brother, T. W. Robertson conqured with Caste and School and Ours, and several other comedies besides. It is to be hoped that the good fortune which attended the one Robertson in Charlotte Street may attend the other. Surely there ought to be a beautiful time in store for a beautiful theatre like the Scala, and a beautiful actor like Forbes Robertson.

Sir Squibe and Lady Bancroft, who have lately been seen at nearly every first-night in London—and these have not been a few—must also have their remembrances of what the Scala used to be. It was here, and subsequently at the Haymarket, that the Bancrofts amassed the great fortune which made it possible for them to break from the financial uncertainties of theatre managment and settle down into a life of aristocratic luxury; and when they look upon the fine stage and the handsome auditorium of the Scala, they will wonder how it was possible to have succeeded so well as they did with the "Dusthole," whose stage was a mere town-hall platform, and whose seating accommodation was proportionately small. Still, the plays of Robertson did not call for any elaborate sort of setting, so that the stage of the old Prince of Wales's was quite sufficient for their scenic needs; and as to the seating accommodation being somewhat limited, "full houses" for a seasons together in a small house, where the expenses are few, often mean more profit than do the same satisfactory state of affairs in a big building, where the expenses are many. The Folly (afterwards Toole's) was a mere box of a place, but Toole made a fortune in it.

Their loyalty to the theatre, as expressed by their frequent appearance in the stalls at the first-nights, is exercised by Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft at no little sacrifice of personal comfort—which makes that loyalty the more loyal. It has been the wise habit of the Bancrofts for some time to vacate their house in Berkeley Square in August and September and take up their quarters in the beautiful air of Westgate. But this year, and especially during the two months just mentioned, there has been an uncommonly large number of new plays produced in London, with the consequence that Captain Hawtree and Polly Eccles have been spending a good deal of time in Margate expresses. Lady Bancroft, who is even more devoted to Westgate than her distinguished-looking husband, drives almost daily from her new house there into sleepy little Birchington Bay, and a very familiar sight to the inhabitants of its village is the retired actress's enormous carriage, which, drawn by a couple of massive blacks, and driven by a stout coachman, is so redolent of Hyde Park that the quaint little High Street through which it plunges seems for the moment to wear a shabby and humble and apologetic look, as if it would like to explain, had it the boldness to do so, that it would certainly have erected a trumphal arch if it had been notified in good time that the equipage was honouring it with a visit.

Lady Bancroft's beautiful house in Westgate is close to the seaside home of a gentleman who is as famous as a man of letters as he is as a politician, and of his son, who is less distinguished as a politician than as a playwright Mr. Justin McCarthy and Justin Huntly McCarthy. So in the area covered by the two houses there are resident four brains of no very ordinary power and achievement. The breezes from the sea blow hither their ozonic refreshment to the bodies and the minds of three persons who have own fame, and are resting from the labour of winning it, and of one person who won't be happy till he gets it. Here Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft dream of the great artistic days when they were Mr S. B. Bancroft and Miss Marie Wilton from here the elder McCarthy looks over the seas of time to his successes with Parliament and with the Publisher; and here the younger McCarthy dreams, not of what has been but of what is to be or should be if his talent gets its just desrts.

Mrs. T. P. O'Connor working in pen-partnership with Mr R. Henderson Bland, has turned one of Gaboriau's celebrated detective stories into a stage drama, and this which has been entitled The Blackmailers, will be produced in the suburbs some time in the autumn, under the very able direction of Mr. Percy Nash, who was for many seasons Mr. Beerbohm Tree's "producer" at His Majesty's, and may, therefore be said to know something about the business. Mrs. O'Connor's collaborator, Mr. Bland, has done good work as an actor under the banner of Mr. Tree, and he has distinguished himself between boards as well as upon them, being the author of a book of poems whose merit has been acknowledged in the most encouraging terms in the columns of such severe newspapers as the (Times) the ('Athenæum'), and the ('Spectator'). Among the members of the company Mr. Percy Nash has already engaged will be found several artists who are in the forward ranks of the profession and the production itself will be above the standard which one associates with the ordinary melodrama.

Mrs. Thomas Barrasford has made a good start as manageress of the Lyceum, and need have no fear. Her revival of the ballet of 'Excelsior," which was originally produced at the Empire twenty years ago, when the theatre went by the name of the Pandora, has made something of a stir in London, and to make a stir with amusement for sale is to succeed in selling it. A few weeks ago I found myself in the Lyceum while this marvellous ballet was being rehearsed. Although the dancers were in their plain and very unbecoming practising attire, and the orchestra was represented by one fiddler and one pianist—marvels both of patience and dexterity, who played one passage fifty times over with smiles on their faces, and ate sandwiches as they played—the ballet was not without its grandeur. The dancers were so many, and the quickness and precision of their movements so wonderful. But in its full dress, and accompanied by the Lyceum's fine orchestra of close upon sixty instrumentalists, Excelsior is a thing to see and to hear again and again; and the thanks of the public, as well as their congratulations, are due to the plucky Mrs. Barrasford on account of so successful and interesting a revival.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, OCT. 19.

Nearly general rain has fallen on the Burma and West Coasts and local rain in Assam, South Bengal and the Deccan. Some showers have occurred in the interior of Burma, Orissa and the interior of South India. The chief falls are: Karwar 5 1-2 inches, Kurnool 2 1-2 inches, Poona, Goa, and Mormugoa 2 inches. Tavoy, Silchar, Sholapur and Ratnagiri 1 1-2 inches, Port Blair, Rangoon, Bassein, Balasore, Raichur, Cuddapah, Mangalore, Mercara and Cochin 1 inch, and Bhamo Mymensingh, Chitaldroog, Bangalore and Trivandrum 1-2 an inch. The Arabian Sea monsoon is extremely vigorous, and has given moderately heavy rain locally on the West Coast and the South-Western half of the Deccan. The activity of the Bay monsoon is mostly confined to North-East India and Burma. The area of disturbed weather which lay yesterday off the Konkan Coast, moved in a north westerly direction, and there are indications of a development within it of a cyclonic storm. Nearly general rain is probable in the Deccan and on the West Coast, and local showers in Burma, East Bengal and Assam, Bengal and South India.

STORM SIGNAL.

The Port Officer issued the following notice to-day:—

"Storm signal, a cyclonic storm has probably formed about 150 miles from Kathiawar Coast. Hoist warning signal."

THE WEATHER AT SEA.

THE P and O Co's steamer Pekin, Captain W B Le Marc, which arrived in harbour on Wednesday, reports having experienced squally weather with heavy rain up to within a day of arrival.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lhasa, Captain H McDiarmed, which arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, met with moderate swell on Kathiawar Coast increasing to-wards Bombay.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 19TH OCTOBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rabi sowings progressing favourably. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable Cotton arriving in small quantities. Food-grains doing well.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Cawnpore.—Seasonable. All crops doing well.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain.

Amraoti.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Khamgaon.—Continues cloudy. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants shedding bolls. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Jalgaon.—Cloudy, but no rain. Unusually hot. More rain wanted generally. Cotton plants shedding bolls. Cotton healthy. Food-grains suffering from want of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Broach.—Cloudy and sunny; no cold. Cotton plants in flower and showing bolls. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgaon.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing.

Wadhwan.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants flourishing and in flower. Crop prospects generally good.

Dholera.—Cloudy, but no rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. No further rain expected. Cotton plants slightly damaged by drought.

Barsi.—Continues cloudy. Cotton plants flourishing. Crop prospects generally good.

Sholapur.—Looks like rain. More rain wanted generally.

Hubli.—Has every appearance of a continued fall. Sufficient rain fallen generally. Seasonable. Considerable improvement in crops perceptible.

Bellary.—More rain wanted generally. All crops doing well.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE 19TH OCT.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has changed irregularly and by small amounts over the whole country. It is below normal everywhere.

Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at several of the reporting stations, and the force has been fresh at Ramagiri and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The greatest variations are:—Maximum 5° to 8° in defect at Karwar, Mangalore and Veraval, and 5° to 10° in excess at Rajkot and Karachi; minimum 5° to 8° in excess in Berar and at Surat, Veraval and Bhavnagar, and 5° to 6° in defect at Karachi and Cawnpore. The highest temperature in the shade was 102° at Deesa and the lowest 58° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast over nearly the whole country lying to the south of Latitude 21° and also at Hoshangabad, Indore and Veraval

Rain.—Eighteen stations report rain to-day, the chief falls being 5·33" at Karwar, 2·30" at Marmugao, 2·05" at Poona 1·53" at Sholapur, 1·49" at Ratnagiri, 1·34" at Colombo and 1·05" at Mangalore.

Weather on and off the West Coast between Karwar and Karachi and also in Gujarat is disturbed and unsettled. Pressure along the West Coast such as usually obtains in the monsoon and weather is favourable for rainsqualls all along the Coast from Cochin to Bombay. Showers are likely in Ceylon the Madras Presidency and over the Deccan. In Gujarat weather will become more or less cloudy. Winds along the Coast from Mormugao to Karachi exhibit a tendency to cyclonic circulation and the area of abnormally low pressure is slowly extending northwards.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

COTTON IN THE PUNJAB.

THE following is the second forecast of the cotton crop of the Punjab for the present year:—The area under cotton is now placed at 1,582,800 acres against 1,604,800 acres in the first forecast. The slight decrease is almost entirely on unirrigated land. Reduced estimates are returned from the Delhi, Jhang, Ambala, Ferozepore and Karnal Districts. There are on the other hand small increases in Shahpur, Lyallpur and Multan. August was practically a rainless month except in submontane tracts where, however the rainfall was in considerable defect. The long drought was terminated by heavy general rain in the second week of September. The withdrawal of the monsoon current for almost two months has caused great injury to unirrigated cotton particularly in the Delhi Division. Several districts have complained of damage by caterpillars.

Prospects, though much improved by the September rain, are generally below the average, especially on unirrigated land.

The Jind State reports an area of 32,126 acres under cotton, well and canal irrigated crops being in good condition. No other returns have been received from Native States, but arrangements are being made for their supply in future.

On an average of the five years ending 1903-04, the area under cotton in the Punjab has represented some 10·5 per cent. of the total area under cotton in British India. The variety grown is "Bengals."

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	0	0	2
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	0	1	13
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ...	0	0	11
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi ...	0	0	10
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	2	2	14
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli ...	1	1	13
Water Division ...	0	0	0
North-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	0	5
Total ...	3	4	75
Total plague deaths to date ...	304,678	226,171	
Same date last year ...	8	8	91

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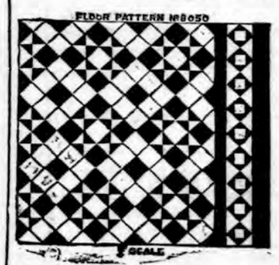

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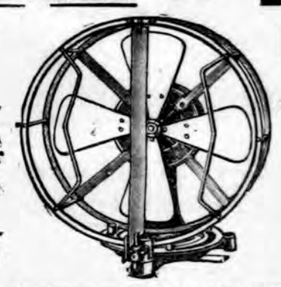

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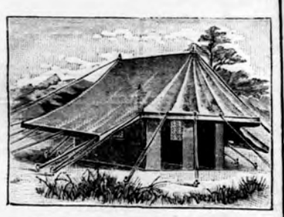

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